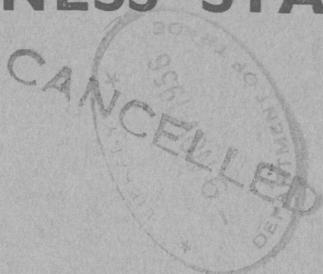


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Period	Employment : Wage and Salary Earners (excluding rural workers, females in private domestic service, and defence forces) *			Wages and Salaries Paid (Weekly Average) *	New Houses and Flats : Private and Government	
	Males	Females	Persons		Approved	Completed
	Number at end of period—thousands			£ thousand	Number of Dwelling Units	
Year : 1938-39	529.9	168.0	697.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1949-50	740.8	278.5	1,019.3	9,018	35,029	19,841
1950-51	758.2	291.0	1,049.2	11,385	37,988	20,737
1951-52	754.4	270.5	1,024.9	14,364	24,419	24,576
1952-53	734.3	266.2	1,000.5	15,090	23,156	26,554
1953-54	758.1	279.5	1,037.6	16,043	30,655	27,524
1954-55	779.2	292.5	1,071.7	17,357	29,883	29,583
1955-56	787.8	300.5	1,088.3	18,955	25,527	27,145
1955: Apr.	776.0	292.1	1,068.1	18,235	2,278	7,611
May	777.3	293.1	1,070.4		2,634	
June	779.2	292.5	1,071.7		3,211	
July	776.9	293.0	1,069.9		2,198	
Aug.	780.1	294.5	1,074.6		2,244	
Sept.	779.8	295.9	1,075.7		2,524	
Oct.	779.4	297.7	1,077.1		2,303	
Nov.	784.1	301.5	1,085.6		2,292	
Dec.	786.1	303.4	1,089.5		1,880	
1956: Jan.	777.3	298.5	1,075.8		1,779	
Feb.	786.7	300.9	1,087.6		1,847	
Mar.	785.8	301.1	1,086.9		2,006	
Apr.	787.8	300.4	1,088.2		1,794	
May	788.6	300.7	1,089.3		2,453	
June	787.8	300.5	1,088.3		2,207	
July	786.1	299.5	1,085.6		2,340	
Aug.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		2,236	

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		Imports	Exports	
	£ thousand	£A million, f.o.b.	At end of period—£ million	
Year : 1938-39	15,521	49.9	37.7	117.1
1949-50	107,714	214.6	216.6	394.0
1950-51	228,204	301.7	325.6	467.9
1951-52	105,261	426.8	193.9	413.6
1952-53	151,348	206.9	249.5	448.6
1953-54	144,795	277.9	249.3	483.1
1954-55	122,999	343.5	207.6	475.6
1955-56	115,699	334.2	217.2	450.8
1955: Apr.	4,136	31.4	13.8	486.6
May	13,082	35.2	18.2	482.6
June	11,789	29.7	19.6	475.6
July	201	22.5	17.1	467.6
Aug.	3,317	29.3	13.2	462.4
Sept.	13,299	28.7	13.9	455.3
Oct.	12,132	29.4	17.6	460.4
Nov.	17,065	31.4	22.4	468.5
Dec.	7,113	24.3	21.6	475.4
1956: Jan.	13,795	26.9	15.6	477.5
Feb.	5,492	24.8	6.4	473.4
Mar.	14,921	30.4	23.2	473.6
Apr.	8,401	29.6	24.4	472.2
May	11,254	31.1	26.6	460.3
June	8,709	25.8	15.2	450.8
July	265	25.6	13.0	445.8
Aug.	5,881	31.2	15.8	446.0

\* See notes to relevant table.

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14.	18.	23.	23.	23.	Table No.	
N.S.W. Government Railways		New Cars, Taxis, Buses and Lorries, etc. Registered	Coal Production	Electricity Generated	Ingot Steel Production	Period
Passenger Journeys	Goods (ex- cluding live- stock) Carried					
Millions	Thousands tons	Number	Thousands tons	Mill. kWh.	Thousands tons	
186.7	14,679	28,335	9,987†	1,948	1,168‡	1938-39: Year
258.2	15,890	61,656	11,290	3,758	1,266	1949-50
268.6	17,131	76,172	12,683	4,241	1,405	1950-51
268.2	18,528	67,448	14,800	4,628	1,473	1951-52
271.7	17,877	50,057	14,289	4,868	1,846	1952-53
278.9	19,351	64,993	15,011	5,450	2,086	1953-54
281.4	18,667	81,118	14,660	5,951	2,162	1954-55
280.5	18,056	82,172	14,629p	6,495	2,329	1955-56
23.4	1,412	6,825	1,126	479	154	Apr.: 1955
25.1	1,602	8,210	1,319	542	186	May
23.6	1,597	7,475	1,309	555	175	June
23.0	1,626	7,601	1,366	582	192	July
24.3	1,728	7,970	1,454	569	194	Aug.
22.7	1,619	8,033	1,383	533	185	Sept.
24.6	1,521	7,335	1,291	531	190	Oct.
22.6	1,583	7,513	1,329	528	188	Nov.
22.3	1,542	7,035	1,077	505	189	Dec.
23.	1,154	4,950	638	493	193	Jan.: 1956
22.6	1,372	6,269	1,103	510	189	Feb.
23.2	1,407	7,207	1,102	542	198	Mar.
24.6	1,440	6,037	1,196	517	184	Apr.
23.4	1,566	6,531	1,369	591	214	May
23.4	1,498	5,691	1,322p	594	213	June
22.7	1,618	6,327r	1,447p	634	226	July
21.1	1,701	6,408	1,453p	n.y.a.	203	Aug.

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Trading Banks : Debits to Customers' Accounts.*	Sydney Stock Exchange Share Values	Real Estate Transfers and Conveyances	Wholesale Prices (Aust.) Index *	Retail Prices : Total "C" Series Index (Sydney)*	Basic Wage, Sydney (State Awards) Adult Males *	Period
Weekly Average —£ million.	Index *	£ thousand	Average 1936-37 to 1938-39 = 100	Wtd. Av. for 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000	s. per week	
n.a.	175.6	35,272	101	928	81§	1938-39 : Year
105	270.0	125,952	205	1504	135§	1949-50
145	334.1	192,311	246	1729	173§	1950-51
157	301.0	179,581	300	2140	216§	1951-52
152	253.1	143,909	320	2327	238§	1952-53
172	267.0	188,032	321	2384	243	1953-54
188	294.4	218,799	320	2398	243	1954-55
201	312.6	230,300	338p	2493	255§	1955-56
186	299.7	15,580	324		243	Apr.: 1955
203	304.6	18,957	326	{ 2423	243	May
206	314.5	19,047	330	{ 2455	243	June
202	325.6	21,974	334	{ 2471	243	July
187	324.0	22,956	333	{ 2455	243	Aug.
194	317.3	16,757	334	{ 2471	243	Sept.
203	317.4	24,045	332	{ 2471	243	Oct.
216	312.8	19,357	336	{ 2471	253	Nov.
214	313.9	17,017	334	{ 2471	253	Dec.
184	316.1	17,480	334p	{ 2490	253	Jan.: 1956
187	314.2	19,160	329p	{ 2490	255	Feb.
200	307.9	19,000	340p	{ 2556	255	Mar.
201	305.7	16,762	344p	{ 2556	255	Apr.
218	301.1	18,352	350p	{ 2556	256	May
204	295.5	17,440	353p	{ 2556	256	June
215r	294.4	20,256	358p	{ 2556	256	July
189	300.1	19,779	366p	{ 2556	263	Aug.

† Estimated.

‡ Year ended 31st May.

§ Operative from February.

## 2. Wage and Salary Earners : Employment by Principal Industrial Groups in N.S.W.

(See notes above Table 3.)

Month	Mining and Quarrying	Factories †	Building and Con- struction	Transport and Com- munication	Finance and Property	Wholesale Trade, etc.	Retail Trade	Profession- al and Personal Services ‡	Total Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Em- ployment*									
	Thousands																	
MALES																		
FEMALES																		
PERSONS																		
1939: July	24.7	158.8	57.9	77.4	.....	59.0	.....	44.0	56.6	529.9								
1946: June	25.8	236.3	44.1	96.8	16.5	33.4	40.6	56.1	618.5									
1952: June	31.6	274.7	76.1	115.2	22.0	47.3	49.0	67.2	754.4									
1953: June	30.1	272.2	63.3	113.5	22.2	46.2	48.8	67.1	734.3									
1954: June	30.9	283.8	69.3	114.0	22.5	48.3	50.6	67.6	758.1									
1955: Jan.	29.8	289.0	68.8	115.8	22.8	50.5	51.0	68.7	767.8									
Feb.	29.9	290.2	70.4	116.3	22.9	50.6	50.9	70.0	772.7									
Mar.	30.1	290.8	70.9	117.3	22.9	50.8	51.2	70.3	775.9									
Apr.	30.2	290.9	71.1	117.2	23.0	50.6	50.9	70.3	776.0									
May	30.2	291.6	72.2	117.1	23.0	50.3	51.0	69.8	777.3									
June	30.3	291.7	72.9	117.2	23.1	50.7	50.9	70.2	779.2									
July	30.4	289.8	73.3	117.4	23.0	50.1	50.9	70.0	776.9									
1956: Jan.	29.5	294.5	72.9	110.1	23.4	51.8	51.3	71.4	777.3									
Feb.	29.1	295.7	74.9	116.7	23.8	51.5	50.7	72.2	786.7									
Mar.	28.9	294.9	74.2	116.6	23.9	51.5	51.1	72.5	785.8									
Apr.	29.1	295.9	75.1	117.3	24.0	51.5	50.7	71.9	787.8									
May	29.2	295.0	75.9	118.0	24.0	51.4	50.7	71.9	788.6									
June	29.4	294.1	76.4	117.7	24.0	51.1	50.5	71.7	787.8									
July	29.4	292.6	76.9	117.9	24.0	50.4	50.4	71.7	786.1									

\* Including miscellaneous groups (72,800 males, 12,500 females, 85,300 persons in July 1956) not shown in the table.

† From July, 1949, subject to revision.

‡ Includes Education, Health, Law, Hotels and Restaurants, and other Professional and Personal Services.

### 3. Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment in N.S.W.—Governmental and Private

(Excluding Rural Workers, Females in Private Domestic Service and Defence Forces.)

(1) Particulars in Tables 2 and 3 are estimates based on the National Register of 1939, the Civilian Register of 1943, and the Occupation Survey of 1945, and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth pay-roll taxation and by governmental authorities.

(2) The Pay-roll Tax returns show the number of employees whose names appeared on the last pay-roll of the month, irrespective of whether they were actually working at the end of the month.

(3) Workers in rural industry, females in private domestic service, members of the full-time defence forces at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded.

Month	Government Authorities*			Private Employment			Total Employment		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Thousands									
1939 : July	136.5	19.4	155.9	393.4	148.6	542.0	529.9	168.0	697.9
1943 : June	157.1	45.1	202.2	368.0	209.3	577.3	525.1	254.4	779.5
1945 : June	156.0	43.6	199.6	380.0	204.3	584.3	536.0	247.9	783.9
1946 : June	169.0	33.4	202.4	449.5	208.9	658.4	618.5	242.3	860.8
1947 : June	178.2	32.3	210.5	493.6	219.8	713.4	671.8	252.1	923.9
1948 : June	186.1	33.6	219.7	516.2	228.3	744.5	702.3	261.9	964.2
1949 : May†	193.8	35.7	229.5	527.6	234.2	761.8	721.4	269.9	991.3
1950 : June	202.7	39.1	241.8	538.1	239.4	777.5	740.8	278.5	1,019.3
1951 : June	207.2	41.4	248.6	551.0	249.6	800.6	758.2	291.0	1,049.2
1952 : June	214.0	41.9	255.9	540.4	228.6	769.0	754.4	270.5	1,024.9
1953 : June	206.8	39.3	246.1	527.5	226.9	754.4	734.3	266.2	1,000.5
1954 : June	210.6	40.0	250.6	547.5	239.5	787.0	758.1	279.5	1,037.6
1955 :									
Feb.	212.6	41.9	254.5	560.1	249.6	809.7	772.7	291.5	1,064.2
Mar.	214.0	42.0	256.0	561.9	250.4	812.3	775.9	292.4	1,068.3
Apr.	214.4	42.0	256.4	561.6	250.1	811.7	776.0	292.1	1,068.1
May	214.5	42.2	256.7	562.8	250.9	813.7	777.3	293.1	1,070.4
June	215.2	42.3	257.5	564.0	250.2	814.2	779.2	292.5	1,071.7
July	213.3	42.4	255.7	563.6	250.6	814.2	776.9	293.0	1,069.9
Aug.	215.2	42.7	257.9	564.9	251.8	816.7	780.1	294.5	1,074.6
Sept.	214.5	42.7	257.2	565.3	253.2	818.5	779.8	295.9	1,075.7
Oct.	214.0	42.7	256.7	565.4	255.0	820.4	779.4	297.7	1,077.1
Nov.	214.0	43.2	257.2	570.1	258.3	828.4	784.1	301.5	1,085.6
Dec.	215.1	42.8	257.9	571.0	260.6	831.6	786.1	303.4	1,089.5
1956 :									
Jan.	214.2	43.1	257.3	563.1	255.4	818.5	777.3	298.5	1,075.8
Feb.	215.0	43.9	258.9	571.7	257.0	828.7	786.7	300.9	1,087.6
Mar.	214.9	44.0	258.9	570.9	257.1	828.0	785.8	301.1	1,086.9
Apr.	215.2	43.9	259.1	572.6	256.5	829.1	787.8	300.4	1,088.2
May	216.1	44.1	260.2	572.5	256.6	829.1	788.6	300.7	1,089.3
June	216.7	44.2	260.9	571.1	256.0	827.1	787.8	300.2	1,088.0
July	217.4	44.6	262.0	568.7	254.9	823.6	786.1	299.5	1,085.6

\* Employees of Commonwealth, State, local, and allied governmental authorities.

† June, 1949, affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

### 4. Employment in Larger Private Factories, New South Wales

In order to provide a prompt indication of the trend of employment in private factories, a survey of employment in 628 larger privately-owned factories in New South Wales is made each month, by joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician. Approximately half of total factory employment is covered by the collection, the results of which are available one month earlier than particulars of total factory employment shown in Table 2.

Industrial Group	Larger Private Factories—Employment at end of Month								
	Males			Females			Persons		
	1956			1956			1956		
	June	July	August	June	July	August	June	July	August
Building Materials ...	13,382	13,447	13,324	1,462	1,456	1,452	14,844	14,903	14,776
Basic Metals ...	31,221	31,422	31,512	1,461	1,465	1,471	32,682	32,887	32,983
Transportation Equipment ...	18,754	18,497	18,682	1,979	1,960	1,938	20,733	20,457	20,620
Other Metal Manufacture ...	37,415	37,256	37,045	9,172	9,153	9,180	46,587	46,409	46,225
Chemicals and Allied Products ...	6,866	6,829	6,786	2,100	2,093	2,105	8,966	8,922	8,891
Clothing and Textiles ...	10,822	10,748	10,690	18,604	18,575	18,411	29,426	29,323	29,101
Food ...	13,606	13,487	13,413	5,485	5,471	5,454	19,091	18,958	18,867
All Other ...	17,292	17,374	17,438	5,123	5,113	5,150	22,415	22,487	22,588
Total—All Groups ...	149,358	149,060	148,890	45,386	45,286	45,161	194,744	194,346	194,051
Excluding Food ...	135,752	135,573	135,477	39,901	39,815	39,707	175,653	175,388	175,184

## 5. Wages and Salaries Paid and Average Earnings, N.S.W.\*

Year.	Total Wages and Salaries Paid : Weekly Average †	Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit ‡	Quarter	Total Wages and Salaries Paid : Weekly Average †				Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit ‡			
				1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
				£ thousand	£	£ thousand	£	£	£	£	£
1948-49	8,133	8.73	Sept. Qr.	14,934	15,654	16,765	18,454	15.23	16.01	16.60	17.79
1949-50	9,018	9.50	Dec. Qr.	15,729	16,753	17,918	19,683	16.24	16.87	17.53	18.83
1950-51	11,385	11.46	Mar. Qr.	14,241	15,303	16,511	18,229	14.70	15.33	16.07	17.46
1951-52	14,364	14.24	June Qr.	15,456	16,463	18,235	19,453	15.84	16.38	17.64	18.57
1952-53	15,090	15.50									
1953-54	16,043	16.15									
1954-55	17,357	16.96									
1955-56	18,955	18.16									

\* Including Australian Capital Territory.  
† Excludes pay of members of the armed forces.

‡ Total wages divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females, based on the approximate ratio of average female earnings to average male earnings.

## 6. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales\*: Amount of Benefits Paid and Admissions to Unemployment Benefit

Period	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit during Period			Amount of Benefits Paid during Period			
	Males	Females	Persons	Unemployment	Sickness	Special †	Total
Year: 1949-50‡	103,599	23,901	127,500	1,064,698	307,315	176,698	1,548,711
1950-51	5,605	601	6,206	25,324	296,418	50,303	372,045
1951-52	7,680	3,258	10,938	55,135	262,244	33,502	350,881
1952-53	76,668	11,972	88,640	2,686,297	546,432	72,932	3,305,661
1953-54	18,854	4,599	23,453	1,247,215	697,949	132,797	2,077,961
1954-55	5,152	2,475	7,627	254,558	676,148	126,650	1,057,356
1955-56	8,126	2,591	10,717	232,550	628,314	125,394	986,258
1955:	July	360	267	15,704	71,891	15,276	102,871
	August	192	148	11,127	52,500	9,233	72,860
	September	168	108	12,009	65,454	14,512	91,975
	October	237	132	8,493	47,587	9,598	65,678
	November	202	133	335	7,583	46,800	10,808
	December	537	165	702	8,607	52,942	9,765
1956:	January	756	125	881	14,214	53,023	13,169
	February	1,620	244	1,864	16,970	45,540	9,999
	March	1,072	323	1,395	27,237	48,968	7,778
	April	907	242	1,149	34,030	48,719	7,409
	May	781	293	1,074	29,774	58,015	9,089
	June	1,294	411	1,705	46,802	36,875	8,758
	July	1,316	427	1,743	30,261	49,831	8,437
	August	1,633	427	2,060	52,052	67,999	11,037

\* Including Australian Capital Territory.

† Including payments to immigrants during training for employment.

‡ Affected by power restrictions occasioned by an industrial dispute.

## 7. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales\*: Number Receiving Benefits at End of each Month

Last Saturday of Month	Unemployment			Sickness	Special †	All Benefits
	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
1955 : July	563	507	1,070	3,404	744	5,218
August	495	406	901	3,363	746	5,010
September	376	331	707	3,298	732	4,737
October	360	300	660	3,129	736	4,525
November	347	298	645	3,225	731	4,601
December	649	317	966	2,864	683	4,513
1956 : January	1,028	294	1,322	2,997	690	5,009
February	1,586	351	1,937	3,076	662	5,675
March	1,782	463	2,245	2,979	649	5,873
April	1,294	495	1,789	3,031	622	5,442
May	1,275	573	1,848	3,066	694	5,608
June	1,592	733	2,325	3,114	683	6,122
July	2,166	907	3,073	3,199	716	6,988
August	2,261	858	3,119	3,245	724	7,088

\* Including Australian Capital Territory.

† Excluding immigrants.

## 8. Industrial Disputes in New South Wales

Compiled by N.S.W. Department of Labour and Industry

Period	Disputes	Employees Involved			Man-working Days Lost by Employees Involved		
		Mining	Non-mining	Total	Mining	Non-mining	Total
		Number		Thousands			
Year : 1939	533	203	9	212	381	65	446
1948	1,506	229	48	277	497	278	775
1949	1,303	167	49	216	770	248	1,018
1950	1,694	221	138	359	294	325	619
1951	1,443	335	144	479	409	328	737
1952	1,297	194	181	375	274	485	759
1953	1,119	138	171	309	355	385	740
1954	1,132	166	88	254	256	278	534
1955	1,146	131	192	323	208	489	697
1955 : August	98	17	25	42	26	102	128
September	96	15	19	34	28	27	55
October	94	13	17	30	26	33	59
November	76	18	24	42	27	23	50
December	17	1	2	3	4	3	7
1956 : January	38	3	17	20	6	101	107
February	74	15	13	28	24	115	139
March	96	35	14	49	41	50	91
April	41	5	10	15	6	34	40
May	61	10	14	24	15	31	46
June	52	5	12	17	5	28	33
July	61	5	15	20	9	23	32
August	91	9	15	24	21	46	67

Monthly particulars are approximate.

## 9. Population, Migration, Births, Deaths and Marriages, New South Wales

Period	Estimated Population at end of Period*			Net Immigration	Live Births	Total Deaths	Deaths under 1 Year	Marriages
	Males	Females	Persons					
Year : 1948	1,523,810	1,524,496	3,048,306	16,235	67,234	30,403	2,037	30,164
1949	1,579,257	1,570,549	3,149,806	69,903	68,812	29,364	1,878	28,757
1950	1,627,618	1,613,439	3,241,057	58,399	71,592	30,965	1,936	30,036
1951	1,667,566	1,647,106	3,314,672	41,010	72,069	31,932	1,895	30,341
1952	1,695,899	1,672,087	3,367,986	18,043	74,196	32,038	1,818	29,351
1953	1,713,639	1,695,370	3,409,009	4,578	74,890	31,707	1,846	27,573
1954	1,738,385	1,723,928	3,462,313	15,977	73,125	32,444	1,850	27,503
1955	1,770,966	1,754,957	3,525,923	21,756	74,407	32,553	1,850	27,645
1953 : Sept. Qr.	1,707,123	1,686,075	3,393,198	1,324	18,923	9,160	497	6,033
Dec. Qr.	1,713,639	1,695,370	3,409,009	6,950	18,510	7,922	485	7,524
1954 : Mar. Qr.	1,717,596	1,699,113	3,416,709	(-) 1,885	18,123	6,854	442	7,145
June Qr.	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	(-) 1,949	18,607	8,168	488	6,926
Sept. Qr.	1,728,003	1,711,157	3,439,160	7,302	18,326	9,997	485	5,989
Dec. Qr.	1,738,385	1,723,928	3,462,313	12,509	18,069	7,425	435	7,443
1955 : Mar. Qr.	1,747,737	1,732,093	3,479,830	5,772	18,639	6,894	447	6,900
June Qr.	1,753,041	1,737,290	3,490,331	464	18,511	8,474	470	7,293
Sept. Qr.	1,760,819	1,744,281	3,505,100	5,072	19,404	9,707	494	5,905
Dec. Qr.	1,770,966	1,754,957	3,525,923	10,448	17,853	7,478	439	7,547
1956 : Mar. Qr.	1,780,808	1,763,327	3,544,135	6,791	18,526	7,105	392	7,082
June Qr.	1,785,243	1,768,189	3,553,432	(-) 1,446	19,244	8,501	458	7,132

(-) Denotes net emigration.

\* Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

The Estimated Population of Metropolis (Sydney and Suburbs) at 30th June, 1955, was 1,897,710 persons.

## 10. Mean Population of N.S.W. : Financial and Calendar Years\*

Year	Year ended 30th June			Year ended 31st December		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1948	1,500,934	1,500,728	3,001,662	1,510,297	1,509,761	3,020,058
1949	1,525,112	1,523,939	3,049,051	1,548,916	1,544,361	3,093,277
1950	1,577,252	1,568,447	3,145,699	1,602,498	1,590,710	3,193,208
1951	1,626,328	1,612,078	3,238,406	1,648,264	1,631,151	3,279,415
1952	1,665,975	1,645,865	3,311,840	1,682,305	1,659,171	3,341,476
1953	1,695,042	1,671,316	3,366,358	1,704,209	1,682,347	3,386,556
1954	1,712,508	1,692,906	3,405,414	1,723,012	1,705,476	3,428,488
1955	1,737,803	1,721,735	3,459,538	1,754,138	1,738,247	3,492,385
1956	1,770,560	1,753,819	3,524,379			

\* Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

## BUILDING ACTIVITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Note 1. "Value" represents the estimated cost of the building when completed (exclusive of the land).

2. Building is classified as "government" or "private" according to ownership.
3. The value of building approved is the value of permits issued by local government councils, plus the value of contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities.
4. Buildings on rural holdings are for the most part excluded.

### II. Value of Private and Government Building\* Approved : Area of State

Period	Private	Government	Private and Government				Rest of State	Total, N.S.W.		
			Division of Cumberland							
	Total, N.S.W.	Total, N.S.W.	Metropolis †	Balance†	Total					
Year : 1948	49,443	11,343	28,839	12,191	41,030	19,756	60,786			
1949	58,923	14,244	34,419	13,847	48,265	24,901	73,167			
1950	82,118	17,375	45,276	19,655	64,931	34,562	99,493			
1951	97,712	22,386	52,249	23,626	75,875	44,223	120,098			
1952	66,404	12,252	32,607	16,311	48,918	29,738	78,656			
1953	90,224	21,361	49,526	22,499	72,025	39,560	111,585			
1954	110,448	20,051	80,702	3,267	83,969	46,530	130,499			
1955	118,520	38,721	99,989	9,782	109,771	47,470	157,241			
1955 : Jan.—July	68,013	17,541	54,997	2,318	57,315	28,239	85,554			
1956 : Jan.—July	70,705	20,263	58,384	8,391	66,775	24,193	90,968			
1955 : May	10,812	2,239	8,325	233	8,558	4,493	13,051			
June	12,396	5,170	11,152	715	11,867	5,699	17,566			
July	9,844	1,445	6,996	252	7,248	4,041	11,289			
1956 : May	12,207	8,527	10,074	6,212	16,286	4,448	20,734			
June	9,762	3,863	9,764	496	10,260	3,365	13,625			
July	9,776	1,819	8,012	351	8,363	3,232	11,595			

\* New buildings and alterations and additions combined. † Metropolis enlarged on 1st January, 1954, by transfer of 425 sq. miles from "Balance of Cumberland." Figures since January, 1954, are not comparable with those for earlier periods.

### 12. Value of Private and Government Building\* Approved : Class of Building

Period	Houses	Flats and Conversions to Flats	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops and Shops with Dwellings	Factories	Other Buildings	Total
	£ thousand						
DIVISION OF CUMBERLAND							
Year : 1949	35,574	2,499	33	724	4,357	5,079	48,266
1950	46,009	3,596	129	1,271	6,901	7,025	64,931
1951	47,801	3,589	500	1,533	9,725	12,727	75,875
1952	31,112	1,124	503	1,147	6,585	8,447	48,918
1953	49,258	973	1,324	2,608	4,762	13,100	72,025
1954	51,887	796	1,638	5,574	10,492	13,582	83,969
1955	52,846	1,703	2,060	4,131	20,528	28,503	109,771
1955 : Jan.—July	30,310	787	1,301	2,524	10,089	12,304	57,315
1956 : Jan.—July	29,209	1,086	2,266	3,074	14,635	16,505	66,775
1955 : May	4,939	150	280	482	1,288	1,419	8,558
June	5,983	71	269	364	1,696	3,484	11,867
July	4,071	158	78	309	1,522	1,110	7,248
1956 : May	4,739	445	51	394	8,029	2,628	16,286
June	4,604	130	382	282	1,360	3,502	10,260
July	4,809	122	195	541	985	1,711	8,363

NEW SOUTH WALES							
Year	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Year : 1949	54,630	2,991	111	1,178	5,187	9,070	73,167
1950	70,063	4,379	359	2,336	8,619	13,737	99,493
1951	77,067	4,195	1,090	2,906	14,460	20,380	120,098
1952	52,853	1,353	1,227	2,018	8,159	13,046	78,656
1953	78,294	1,632	2,184	4,155	5,475	19,845	111,585
1954	82,210	1,612	3,346	7,726	12,064	23,541	130,499
1955	81,651	2,309	3,945	6,235	23,223	39,878	157,241
1955 : Jan.—July	47,841	1,186	2,430	3,817	11,884	18,396	85,554
1956 : Jan.—July	44,293	1,379	3,380	4,165	15,622	22,129	90,968
1955 : May	7,702	227	441	654	1,822	2,205	13,051
June	9,254	91	626	729	2,295	4,571	17,566
July	6,603	212	254	551	1,769	1,900	11,289
1956 : May	7,352	475	270	584	8,266	3,787	20,734
June	6,725	184	611	400	1,466	4,239	13,625
July	7,218	179	284	683	1,028	2,203	11,595

\* New buildings, alterations and additions combined.

## 13. New House and Flat Building, New South Wales : Number of Dwelling Units

Period	Houses				Flats				Houses and Flats			
	Ap- proved †	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Un- com- pleted *	Ap- proved †	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Un- com- pleted *	Ap- proved †	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Un- com- pleted *
PRIVATE												
Year : 1950 †	31,020	19,437	15,866	23,358	1,364	744	634	907	32,384	20,181	16,500	24,265
1951	28,206	21,336	16,252	28,442†	1,091	732	790	849	29,297	22,068	17,042	29,291†
1952	17,827	18,449	19,634	27,257†	271	295	744	529	18,098	18,744	20,378	27,786†
1953	23,103	20,324	21,051	26,530†	393	306	555	271	23,496	20,630	21,606	26,801†
1954	24,254	22,205	22,145	26,590†	499	531	412	384	24,753	22,736	22,557	26,974†
1955	23,173	21,606	23,455	24,741†	651	499	406	451	23,824	22,105	23,861	25,192†
1954 : June Qr.	6,053	5,644	5,415	27,180†	139	114	42	354	6,192	5,758	5,457	27,534†
Sept. Qr.	6,868	5,567	5,681	27,066†	111	161	66	449	6,979	5,728	5,747	27,515†
Dec. Qr.	6,169	5,439	5,915	26,590†	148	125	188	384	6,317	5,564	6,103	26,974†
1955 : Mar. Qr.	5,514	5,217	5,350	26,457†	111	60	93	337	5,625	5,277	5,443	26,794†
June Qr.	6,144	5,398	6,285	25,570†	159	105	87	351	6,303	5,503	6,372	25,921†
Sept. Qr.	5,984	5,592	6,139	25,023†	210	146	111	384	6,194	5,738	6,250	25,407†
Dec. Qr.	5,531	5,399	5,681	24,741†	171	188	115	451	5,702	5,587	5,796	25,192†
1956 : Mar. Qr.	5,167	5,148	5,333	24,556†	139	176	113	510	5,306	5,324	5,446	25,066†
June Qr.	5,241	4,923	5,454	24,025†	222	172	98	584	5,463	5,095	5,552	24,609†
GOVERNMENT												
Year : 1950	3,909	3,739	3,453	4,775	505	815	335	1,269	4,414	4,554	3,788	6,044
1951	5,247	4,322	4,127	4,970	507	523	330	1,462	5,754	4,845	4,457	6,432
1952	843	2,931	5,250	2,651	(-)	25	236	635	1,063	818	3,167	5,885
1953	6,232	5,071	4,547	3,175	348	148	1,000	211	6,580	5,219	5,547	3,386
1954	4,511	5,448	6,031	2,592	265	422	273	360	4,776	5,870	6,304	2,952
1955	3,398	3,697	3,958	2,331	283	261	276	345	3,681	3,958	4,234	2,676
1954 : June Qr.	1,292	1,483	1,738	3,648	33	46	94	324	1,325	1,529	1,832	3,972
Sept. Qr.	1,238	1,322	1,614	3,356	63	24	36	312	1,301	1,346	1,650	3,668
Dec. Qr.	1,129	1,001	1,765	2,592	93	146	98	360	1,222	1,147	1,863	2,952
1955 : Mar. Qr.	307	701	1,068	2,225	9	24	98	286	316	725	1,166	2,511
June Qr.	1,679	857	1,204	1,878	141	137	35	388	1,820	994	1,239	2,266
Sept. Qr.	700	1,257	861	2,274	72	48	76	360	772	1,305	937	2,634
Dec. Qr.	712	882	825	2,331	61	52	67	345	773	934	892	2,676
1956 : Mar. Qr.	296	523	658	2,196	30	58	59	344	326	581	717	2,540
June Qr.	979	713	1,418	1,491	12	39	137	246	991	752	1,555	1,737

## PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT

Year : 1950†	34,929	23,176	19,319	28,133	1,869	1,559	969	2,176	36,798	24,735	20,288	30,309
1951	33,453	25,658	20,379	33,412†	1,598	1,255	1,120	2,311	35,051	26,913	21,499	35,723†
1952	18,670	21,380	24,884	29,908†	246	531	1,379	1,592	18,916	21,911	26,263	31,500†
1953	29,335	25,395	25,598	29,705†	741	454	1,555	482	30,076	25,849	27,153	30,187†
1954	28,765	27,653	28,176	29,182†	764	953	685	744	29,529	28,606	28,861	29,926†
1955	26,571	25,303	27,413	27,072†	934	760	682	796	27,505	26,063	28,095	27,868†
1954 : June Qr.	7,345	7,127	7,153	30,828†	172	160	136	678	7,517	7,287	7,289	31,506†
Sept. Qr.	8,106	6,889	7,295	30,422†	174	185	102	761	8,280	7,074	7,397	31,183†
Dec. Qr.	7,298	6,440	7,680	29,182†	241	271	286	744	7,539	6,711	7,966	29,926†
1955 : Mar. Qr.	5,821	5,918	6,418	28,682†	120	84	191	623	5,941	6,002	6,609	29,305†
June Qr.	7,823	6,255	7,489	27,448†	300	242	122	739	8,123	6,497	7,611	28,187†
Sept. Qr.	6,684	6,849	7,000	27,297†	282	194	187	744	6,966	7,043	7,188	28,041†
Dec. Qr.	6,243	6,281	6,506	27,072†	232	240	182	796	6,475	6,521	6,688	27,868†
1956 : Mar. Qr.	5,463	5,671	5,991	26,752†	169	234	172	854	5,632	5,905	6,163	27,606†
June Qr.	6,220	5,636	6,872	25,516†	234	211	235	830	6,454	5,847	7,107	26,346†

\* At end of period. Includes some private houses on which work has been suspended or abandoned. † Partly estimated. ‡ "Private approved"—local government permits to build. "Government approved"—contracts let and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities. Statistics of dwellings approved are available monthly; figures for current months are as follows:—

Ownership	Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
New Houses and Flats Approved : Number of Dwelling Units.													
Private	1955	1,584	1,954	2,087	1,849	2,196	2,258	1,969	2,054	2,171	2,029	2,019	1,654
	1956	1,609	1,823	1,874	1,539	2,117	1,807	2,050	1,998				
Gov't	1955	112	66	138	429	438	953	229	190	353	274	273	226
	1956	170	24	132	255	336	400	290	238				
Total	1955	1,696	2,020	2,225	2,278	2,634	3,211	2,198	2,244	2,524	2,303	2,292	1,880
	1956	1,779	1,847	2,006	1,794	2,453	2,207	2,340	2,236				

(-) denotes excess of contracts cancelled over contracts let.

## 14. New South Wales Government Railways: Traffic and Finances

Period	Passenger Journeys	Goods Carried (excluding livestock)	Earnings*	Working Expenses†	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses
	Thousands	Thous. tons		£ thousand	
Year: 1938-39	186,720	14,679	19,146	14,543	4,603
1949-50	258,183	15,890	40,122‡	39,281	841
1950-51	268,567	17,131	49,448	49,168	280
1951-52	268,168	18,528	68,910	64,020	4,890
1952-53	271,698	17,877	72,676	66,452	6,224
1953-54	278,904	19,351	74,569	67,397	7,172
1954-55	281,417	18,667	73,361	68,397	4,964
1955-56	280,470	18,056	75,386	74,904	482
1955: March	23,133	1,518	5,442	5,484	(—) 42
April	23,398	1,412	5,768	5,874	(—) 106
May	25,055	1,602	6,112	6,149	(—) 37
June	23,570	1,597	6,012	6,222	(—) 210
July	22,991	1,626	5,868	5,686	(—) 182
1956: March	23,172	1,407	6,264	6,368	(—) 104
April	24,635	1,440	5,921	6,234	(—) 313
May	23,411	1,566	6,360	6,858	(—) 498
June	23,392	1,498	6,964	7,533	(—) 569
July	22,728	1,618	6,334	6,415	(—) 81

\* Excludes grants from Consolidated Revenue (£1,800,000 in 1955-56). † Excluding capital charges such as interest, exchange, etc.; a proportion of sinking fund for retirement of assets is included. ‡ Excludes a special grant of £3m. by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

## 15. New South Wales Government Tramways and Omnibuses: Finances

Period	Gross Revenue			Working Expenses*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses
	Trams	Buses	Total		
£ thousand					
Year: 1938-39	3,449	925	4,374	3,707	667
1949-50	4,792	4,307	9,099†	9,538	(—) 439
1950-51	5,162	5,110	10,272	11,201	(—) 929
1951-52	5,510	5,680	11,190	13,807	(—) 2,617
1952-53	5,690	5,836	11,526	14,240	(—) 2,714
1953-54	5,542	6,033	11,575	13,631	(—) 2,056
1954-55	5,227	6,248	11,475	13,657	(—) 2,182
1955-56	4,704	6,363	11,067	14,017	(—) 2,950
1955: March	453	553	1,006	1,210	(—) 204
April	438	534	972	1,158	(—) 186
May	429	548	977	1,152	(—) 175
June	422	506	928	1,270	(—) 342
1956: March	412	555	967	1,216	(—) 249
April	398	534	932	1,232	(—) 300
May	389	528	917	1,203	(—) 286
June	342	525	867	1,050	(—) 183

\* Exclusive of sinking fund, interest on loan capital, exchange, and depreciation (£1,106,005 in year 1954-55).

† Excludes a special grant of £200,000 by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

## 16. Port of Sydney: Cargoes Discharged and Shipped

Compiled by Maritime Services Board of New South Wales. Vessels transporting troops, war equipment and supplies are included. Warships are excluded.

Period	Oversea		Interstate		Intra-state		Total	
	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward
Thousand tons (Measurement and Weight Combined)								
Year: 1938-39	2,045	1,429	1,187	798	1,896	340	5,128	2,567
1951-52	4,236	1,155	903	533	1,837	116	6,976	1,804
1952-53	2,452	1,255	871	675	1,881	92	5,204	2,022
1953-54	3,166	1,433	948	798	2,028	62	6,142	2,293
1954-55	3,687	1,331	987	700	2,000	46	6,674	2,077
1955-56	3,109	1,529	1,073	573	2,282	26	6,464	2,128
1955: June Qr.	1,095	348	247	170	513	6	1,855	524
Sept. Qr.	800	350	306	188	591	...	1,697	538
Dec. Qr.	853	365	276	149	650	2	1,779	516
1956: Mar. Qr.	697	302	218	104	464	17	1,379	423
June Qr.	759	513	273	132	576	6	1,608	651

## 17. Motor Vehicles on the Register\* in New South Wales

End of Month	Cars	Omni-buses	Taxi-cabs and Hire Cars	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Trailers	All Other Vehicles†	Total on Register
1939 : June	213,331	1,430	3,278	76,726	294,765	24,151	6,414	2,298	327,628
1945 : June	182,972	1,891	2,962	82,957	270,782	16,068	9,065	2,397	298,312
1947 : June	195,857	2,200	3,330	113,544	314,931	25,172	14,712	3,635	358,450
1949 : June	232,837	2,947	3,562	140,338	379,684	36,379	21,525	6,362	443,950
1951 : June	308,294	3,363	4,159	181,529	497,345	46,851	28,131	9,328	581,655
1952 : June	338,640	3,429	4,474	196,295	542,838	47,552	31,429	10,482	632,301
1953 : June	360,573	3,417	4,471	199,870	568,331	45,100	34,173	11,413	659,017
1954 : June	393,951	3,457	4,446	210,142	611,996	42,451	37,853	13,136	705,436
1955 : April	429,834	3,582	4,652	221,555	659,623	40,494	41,854	14,958	756,929
May	433,620	3,578	4,681	222,559	664,438	40,217	42,123	15,136	761,914
June	437,372	3,566	4,524	223,676	669,138	39,787	42,356	15,304	766,585
July	441,182	3,573	4,534	225,137	674,426	39,443	42,615	15,510	771,994
1956 : April	474,323	3,584	4,596	236,815	719,318	37,728	47,463	17,385	821,894
May	476,716	3,574	4,599	237,950	722,839	37,336	47,819	17,588	825,582
June	478,833	3,586	4,564	238,823	725,806	37,039	48,117	17,819	828,781
July	481,158	3,576	4,566	239,801	729,101	36,794	48,256	17,905	832,056

\* Excludes defence vehicles.

† Comprises traders' plates, tourist vehicles, and tractors (excluding tractors used solely on farms); details are shown in the Statistical Bulletin (Quarterly).

## 18. New Motor Vehicles Registered\* in New South Wales : Types

Period	Cars†	Taxi-cabs‡	Omni-buses‡	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Tractors§ and Trailers	Total
Year : 1938-39	19,924	569	130	7,712	28,335	2,196	1,714	32,245
1948-49	25,466	186	339	11,674	37,665	7,442	4,177	49,284
1949-50	41,163	133	212	20,158	61,666	8,659	5,004	75,329
1950-51	46,689	323	84	29,076	76,172	8,855	5,578	90,605
1951-52	41,426	267	127	25,628	67,448	6,018	5,779	79,245
1952-53	30,989	509	123	18,436	50,057	3,042	5,653	58,752
1953-54	43,174	445	117	21,257	64,993	2,964	6,216	74,173
1954-55	55,944	339	59	24,776	81,118	3,437	7,544	92,099
1955-56	55,773	468	18	25,913	82,172	2,971	8,237	93,380
1955 : Mar.	5,574	42	2	2,152	7,770	336	516	8,622
April	4,905	27	1	1,892	6,825	261	533	7,619
May	5,750	37	3	2,420	8,210	385	478	9,073
June	5,229	19	4	2,223	7,475	262	522	8,259
July	5,275	31	3	2,292	7,601	255	517	8,373
1956 : Mar.	4,917	48	2	2,240	7,207	268	524	7,999
April	3,953	37	1	2,046	6,037	220	553	6,810
May	4,190	38	1	2,302	6,531	212	630	7,373
June	3,716	62	1	1,912	5,691	166	507	6,364
July	4,103	46	6	2,172	6,327	209	549	7,085

\* Excludes defence vehicles.

† Includes taxi-cabs and omnibuses in country districts.

‡ Tractors used solely on farms are not registered.

§ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only.

## 19. New Motor Vehicles Registered in New South Wales : Country of Origin

Period	Cars					Lorries, Utilities, and Vans				
	Australia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total	Australia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total
	Proportion per cent.					Number				
Year : 1938-39	...	38.8	60.6	0.6	19,924	...	25.0	74.6	0.4	7,712
1948-49	3.1	76.5	18.7	1.7	25,466	...	50.1	49.8	0.1	11,674
1949-50	11.7	77.2	7.9	3.2	41,163	...	72.0	27.4	0.6	20,158
1950-51	16.5	67.5	10.1	5.9	46,689	1.9	75.8	21.7	0.6	29,076
1951-52	19.3	62.2	11.8	6.7	41,426	7.9	63.7	26.8	1.6	25,628
1952-53	32.3	50.1	14.5	3.1	30,989	18.8	49.8	29.4	2.0	18,436
1953-54	29.3	53.1	14.2	3.4	43,174	19.8	49.0	29.2	2.0	21,257
1954-55	25.8	57.4	10.8	6.0	55,944	24.1	47.3	25.6	3.0	24,776
1955-56	28.5	49.9	12.3	9.3	55,773	23.8	45.5	26.2	4.5	25,913
1955 : Mar.	24.2	59.7	9.0	7.1	5,574	24.0	48.4	25.2	2.4	2,152
April	25.2	58.6	10.3	5.9	4,905	25.0	48.1	23.9	3.0	1,892
May	24.5	61.0	8.4	6.1	5,750	23.6	52.6	21.3	2.5	2,420
June	23.6	63.2	7.5	5.7	5,229	21.8	49.1	23.6	5.5	2,223
July	26.4	59.2	6.6	7.8	5,275	24.6	51.0	21.1	3.3	2,292
1956 : Mar.	29.3	48.9	13.2	8.6	4,917	23.6	44.5	26.5	5.4	2,240
April	30.4	44.4	14.1	11.1	3,953	23.2	45.0	25.8	6.0	2,046
May	31.6	43.3	11.9	13.2	4,190	24.2	43.4	26.9	5.5	2,302
June	34.6	44.9	8.0	12.5	3,716	26.2	43.1	24.9	5.8	1,912
July	34.3	46.2	6.2	13.3	4,103	24.7	44.4	26.0	4.9	2,172

## 20. Coal Production in New South Wales

Period of Four Weeks	Last Day of Period (1956 Dates)	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Thousand tons								
1st*	Jan. 21	714	442	622	604	605	304	291
2nd	Feb. 18	952	876	1,134	1,135	1,151	1,194	1,037
3rd	Mar. 17	932	888	1,292	1,139	1,217	1,036	1,046
4th	Apr. 14	925	1,052	1,158	1,008	1,134	1,098	1,018
5th	May 12	1,013	980	1,171	931	1,119	1,164	1,146
6th	June 9	1,038	1,052	1,147	999	1,285	1,222	1,196
7th	July 7	923	1,168	1,236	1,052	1,155	1,203	1,317p
8th	Aug. 4	961	1,158	1,177	1,309	1,201	1,295	1,326p
9th	Sept. 1	1,144	1,174	1,240	1,247	1,221	1,249	1,251p
10th	Sept. 29	1,051	1,205	1,287	1,242	1,246	1,274	
11th	Oct. 27	1,120	1,255	1,267	1,232	1,257	1,246	
12th	Nov. 24	1,093	1,222	1,272	1,284	1,211	1,202	
13th*	Dec. 22	932	1,041	1,019	992	1,281	1,249	
Year : Underground		11,197	11,224	12,492	12,452	13,703	13,835	
Open Cut ...		1,601	2,289	2,530	1,722	1,380	901	
Total ...	...	12,798	13,513	15,022	14,174	15,083	14,736	

THIRTY-SIX WEEKS ENDED—

	Sept. 9	Sept. 8	Sept. 6	Sept. 5	Sept. 4	Sept. 3	Sept. 1
Northern District ...	5,588	5,599	6,542	5,968	6,390	6,145	5,994p
Southern District ...	1,587	1,674	1,831	1,980	2,212	2,351	2,549p
Western District ...	1,427	1,517	1,804	1,476	1,486	1,269	1,085p
Underground ...	7,562	7,415	8,420	8,205	9,093	9,135	9,068p
Open Cut ...	1,040	1,375	1,757	1,219	995	630	560p
Total ...	8,602	8,790	10,177	9,424	10,088	9,765	9,628p

\*Miners' mid-summer holidays:

	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
In 1st Period ...	{N-1 wk. {S & W-2 wks.} 2 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks				
In 13th Period	1 week	1 week	1 week	1 week	Nil.	Nil.	

## 21. Consumption of Gas and Electricity, Sydney

(Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity)

Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units. The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

Month	Average 1929 to 1931	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	100	221	235	251	252	275	281	299
February	100	241	240	258	263	277	297	318
March	100	238	235	253	264	285	298	308
April	100	226	243	249	256	273	281	306
May	100	237	240	253	261	286	300	320
June	100	232	245	250	274	300	313	332
July	100	214	253	254	276	296	311	333
August	100	234	255	248	273	296	311	
September	100	236	248	251	276	304	305	
October	100	238	255	254	279	294	299	
November	100	246	265	256	283	303	313	
December	100	236	246	265	282	299	305	
Year	100	233	247	253	270	291	302	

## MONTHLY PRODUCTION, NEW SOUTH WALES

Statistics for 1954-55 are final, but all figures from July, 1955, are subject to revision.  
 Particulars in Tables 22-27 have been revised since last issue on the basis of annual returns for 1954-55.

## 22. Production of Food and Drink

Period	Butter *	Cheese *	Processed Whole Milk Products	Bacon and Ham *	Jam	Preserved Fruit	Preserved Vegetables	Ice Cream
Thousand lb.								
Year: 1950-51	76,873	6,630	45,827	28,157	31,096	35,743	32,130	7,711
1951-52	52,501	4,469	38,577	27,911 ‡	29,260	48,106	37,823	7,937
1952-53	83,076	7,084	54,451	29,509	20,095	37,118	35,880	5,322
1953-54	66,557	7,191	50,233	26,499	23,800	52,592	19,603	5,525
1954-55	86,661	5,617	26,580	26,218	22,377	46,867	22,967	6,050
1955-56p	91,984	7,595	39,691	25,392	22,769	40,567	32,704	6,230
1955: March	9,634	588	2,235	2,250	2,722	24,696	3,265	565
April	6,855	486	1,510	2,094	1,807	1,791	1,554	496
May	4,738	307	2,280	2,046	1,777	433	1,348	315
June	3,365	237	1,644	2,198	1,084	244	1,538	268
July	3,302	264	1,800	1,972	1,604	488	1,850	254
1956: March	8,469	818	4,118	1,901	2,106	18,579	2,970	623
April	6,173	632	3,402	1,946	1,589	934	1,904	498
May	4,478	380	2,601	2,054	1,613	504	1,971	377
June	3,387	338	2,767	1,595	1,139	672	2,016	249
July	3,098	388	2,625	1,623	1,673	161	1,362	280
Period	Flour (Wheaten)	Bran (Wheaten)	Pollard (Wheaten)	Cornflour (incl. Edible Starch)	Biscuits †	Confectionery	Beer	
Tons (2,000 lb.)								
Year: 1950-51	677,682	112,744	146,879	179,891	67,725	25,766	34,900	61,966
1951-52	563,325	97,733	131,498	203,440	76,732	23,243	36,894	66,799
1952-53	521,957	84,221	125,575	198,345	73,432	20,829	35,673	72,672
1953-54	581,547	91,374	135,115	194,737	73,543	21,803	33,963	79,943
1954-55	561,233	96,036	126,605	216,557	73,090	19,797	35,981	88,081
1955-56p	548,880	86,285	119,030	246,289	76,478	21,195	36,551	94,782
1955: March	56,966	10,026	13,303	19,474	5,615	1,932	3,056	8,385
April	47,998	7,929	10,859	18,469	6,040	2,002	2,439	7,800
May	53,788	9,047	12,395	21,560	6,337	2,477	3,073	7,089
June	46,809	7,838	10,803	22,852	5,933	2,508	3,197	6,810
July	45,240	6,602	9,393	22,652	7,166	2,205	2,927	6,579
1956: March	43,764	6,928	10,017	18,875	6,866	2,152	2,930	8,238
April	48,545	7,465	10,698	19,515	5,406	2,198	2,682	7,645
May	53,537	8,557	11,679	26,695	6,610	2,734	3,401	7,010
June	48,894	7,430	10,642	23,023	7,354	2,136	3,087	6,024
July	48,303	7,381	10,663	24,557	6,197	2,068	3,310	6,276

\* Production in factories only.

† Excluding ice cream cones.  
 From July, 1951, the production of pressed ham and canned bacon and ham was changed from "bone-out" to a "bone-in" weight basis.

## 23. Production of Metals, Coal and Energy

Period	Gold	Coal	Coke (Metallurg.)	Pig Iron	Ingot Steel	Gas	Electricity
Fine oz.							
Year: 1950-51	52,714	12,683	1,488	1,158	1,405	19,444	4,241
1951-52	40,761	14,800	1,607	1,219	1,473	20,537	4,628
1952-53	32,040	14,289	1,866	1,541	1,846	20,216	4,868
1953-54	31,913	15,011	1,987	1,621	2,086	20,802	5,450
1954-55	27,750	14,660	2,029	1,669	2,162	21,360	5,951
1955-56p	30,184	14,627	2,053	1,777	2,329	21,873	6,495
1955: March	2,070	1,253	172	141	178	1,618	510
April	2,521	1,125	149	121	154	1,595	479
May	3,036	1,319	166	130	186	1,893	542
June	3,193	1,309	175	126	175	2,039	555
July	2,668	1,366	169	142	192	2,211	582
1956: March	2,371	1,101	183	153	198	1,672	542
April	2,239	1,195	175	147	184	1,695	517
May	2,463	1,369	189	162	214	1,969	591
June	1,961	1,322	186	153	213	2,113	594
July	1,862	1,447	189	158	226	2,252	634

\* Monthly totals are approximate.

## 24. Production of Textiles and Clothing

Period	Yarn				Woven Cloth			
	Woollen (Pure)	Worsted (Pure)	Cotton (Pure)	Other Yarn	Woollen (Pure)	Worsted (Pure)	Cotton (Pure)	Other Cloth
	Thousand lb.							
Year : 1950-51	3,839	8,218	16,346	n.a.	2,321	10,929	13,044	8,019
1951-52	3,186	6,457	15,700	219	1,176	9,281	13,093	6,890
1952-53	2,425	6,295	14,043	1,403	1,872	7,802	11,154	8,507
1953-54	3,287	5,976	18,161	4,215	1,188	8,553	15,508	11,828
1954-55	3,020	6,009	19,168	8,484	1,260	7,394	15,974	9,143
1955-56p	3,066	5,867	19,253	12,037	1,013	7,397	16,787	9,178
	Thousand sq. yds.							
1955 : March	264	591	1,947	891	111	689	1,451	769
April	219	400	1,375	799	59	519	1,126	665
May	266	518	1,665	775	47	644	1,511	942
June	283	565	1,775	1,183	60	705	1,522	816
July	241	494	1,679	969	77	671	1,468	824
1956 : March	321	509	1,600	953	113	667	1,401	837
April	268	418	1,557	1,076	72	526	1,491	932
May	247	588	1,760	1,129	80	695	1,604	819
June	250	475	1,627	1,151	85	559	1,448	920
July	236	476	1,761	1,140	97	601	1,511	1,040

Period	Hosiery		Corsets (incl. roll-on girdles.)	Brassieres	Gloves		Boots, Shoes and Sandals*	Slippers
	Women's, Maids' and Girls'	Other			Dress	Work*		
	Dozen pairs							
Year : 1950-51	465,854	423,477	46,880	168,814	14,277	125,834	6,287	2,755
1951-52	463,596	376,536	48,120	163,163	15,362	151,555	6,675	2,465
1952-53	565,016	337,153	40,970	148,727	21,761	112,503	6,229	2,461
1953-54	610,178	442,305	57,020	178,604	27,740	147,326	7,272	2,978
1954-55	641,205	415,010	50,398	159,144	14,707	184,009	7,008	2,098
1955-56p	595,696	365,107	57,333	164,339	17,073	192,335	6,828	2,296
1955 : March	62,567	38,416	4,696	16,575	1,252	16,323	614	188
April	45,930	29,217	3,498	11,937	832	14,601	518	187
May	48,993	32,583	3,459	13,739	1,202	15,971	594	225
June	45,855	38,915	4,558	16,795	1,196	17,236	622	235
July	40,938	33,381	3,234	11,888	1,366	16,470	559	207
1956 : March	54,132	32,824	5,101	13,796	1,500	13,458	575	189
April	47,506	29,435	4,435	12,778	1,534	11,154	493	180
May	56,987	38,288	5,828	17,049	2,025	16,693	647	210
June	55,159	26,516	5,649	14,409	1,578	13,336	582	181
July	56,202	37,645	3,486	12,128	1,784	13,894	655	140

Period	Men's and Youths' Outer Clothing					Cardigans, Pullovers (Knitted)		
	3-Piece Suits	2-Piece Suits	Sports Coats and Blazers	Sports Trousers	Overcoats and Raincoats†	Men's, Youths' and Boys'	Women's, Maids' and Girls'	
	Number							
Year : 1950-51	116,836	301,805	253,808	1,314,067	135,243	78,434	95,164	
1951-52	69,491	273,081	205,672	1,127,600	129,793	66,579	101,258	
1952-53	43,466	241,402	173,653	947,725	93,945	56,828	89,279	
1953-54	35,026	282,435	251,748	1,168,169	70,117	89,409	139,990	
1954-55	33,294	285,979	277,077	1,210,723	50,603	94,462	138,950	
1955-56p	19,735	301,849	248,492	1,363,750	52,570	86,497	135,147	
1955 : March	2,454	24,095	23,057	114,665	7,499	13,862	15,050	
April	2,446	22,254	21,765	97,389	5,444	10,278	12,890	
May	2,369	24,505	24,473	120,043	5,882	8,749	14,612	
June	2,419	23,130	20,488	120,677	4,150	7,235	14,318	
July	2,197	25,699	17,652	103,280	4,039	4,826	12,274	
1956 : March	1,652	22,865	23,839	119,795	8,064	11,155	14,384	
April	1,047	23,903	19,962	102,654	7,097	8,964	12,448	
May	1,257	26,203	26,046	137,742	5,674	13,094	13,384	
June	1,782	24,497	21,275	111,943	2,497	7,940	11,344	
July	1,272	23,480	21,247	109,555	3,703	6,037	11,122	

\* Excluding articles of rubber.

† Excluding plastic raincoats.

## 25. Production of Building Materials

Period	Sawn Timber (Native *)	Bricks (Clay)	Tiles		Asbestos Cement Building Sheets	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Cement	Paints	
			Terra Cotta	Cement				Ready- Mixed Paint	Lacquers and Enamels
			Mill. sup. ft.	Thousands	Thousand	sq. yds.	Tons	Thousand gal.	
Year:	1950-51	338.3	341,994	22,590	11,213	9,777	4,963	613,425	2,577
	1951-52	380.6	354,545	22,765	20,273	10,545	4,962	594,276	2,598
	1952-53	347.3	300,328	28,034	5,692	9,384	4,616	670,644	1,771
	1953-54	370.3	375,593	30,431	8,484	9,746	5,445	726,053	1,725
	1954-55	372.9	382,902	29,778	10,153	10,477	6,036	815,603	2,363
	1955-56p	375.4	372,604	29,768	11,983	10,057	5,351	805,400	2,900
1955:	March	26.4	33,401	2,509	1,036	924	537	62,198	262
	April	26.8	29,288	2,250	786	796	472	62,744	261
	May	30.0	34,399	2,472	773	891	506	71,805	259
	June	38.0	31,651	2,512	748	897	474	73,474	226
	July	32.7	33,116	2,264	861	976	472	66,662	213
1956:	March	21.9	28,930	2,248	1,337	783	427	62,419	253
	April	23.5	29,496	2,413	1,244	855	426	65,233	246
	May	33.4	32,178	2,766	1,241	868	455	71,226	294
	June	34.4	29,472	2,547	620	824	429	72,438	219
	July	28.6	32,643	2,443	628	725	432	68,801	220

## 26. Production of Household Appliances

Period	Stoves, Domestic Cooking					Coppers (Gas and Electric)	Sink Heaters (Gas and Electric)	Bath Heaters (All Types)	Hot Water Systems (Storage— All Types)				
	Solid Fuel	Gas	Electric		Stoves								
			Stoves	Stovettes Excl. Cookers									
Number													
Year:	1950-51	14,183	26,933	16,623	38,074	48,928	10,333	68,273	29,775				
	1951-52	15,214	25,232	17,022	26,290	41,686	13,537	62,492	28,707				
	1952-53	11,316	17,556	8,137	17,522	23,375	6,800	47,523	18,170				
	1953-54	13,582	22,729	13,263	20,150	n.a.	8,351	49,511	25,418				
	1954-55	13,235	n.a.	23,015	18,038	26,552	10,213	50,680	26,725				
	1955-56p	12,302	20,813	26,093	16,273	24,465	10,330	47,645	25,646				
1955:	March	1,048	n.a.	2,518	1,673	2,839	888	4,653	2,471				
	April	805	n.a.	1,924	1,254	1,558	646	4,043	1,935				
	May	948	n.a.	2,291	1,062	2,195	782	4,331	2,220				
	June	1,099	n.a.	2,229	1,217	1,790	1,011	4,941	2,010				
	July	1,183	3,252	2,360	1,374	2,109	980	4,215	2,359				
1956:	March	796	1,076	2,047	1,657	1,995	828	3,877	1,975				
	April	741	1,119	1,822	1,087	1,726	657	3,779	1,686				
	May	928	919	2,161	1,225	2,438	838	4,941	2,566				
	June	876	1,260	1,758	1,086	1,661	994	4,210	2,261				
	July	925	2,257	2,593	1,438	1,849	953	4,842	2,277				

Period	Refrigerators (Household)	Electric Clothes Washing Machines (Domestic)	Electric Toasters	Wireless Cabinets	Radios			Radiograms
					Portable	Car	Mantel, Table and Console	
					Number			
Number								
Year:	1950-51	113,603	19,163	70,676	276,048	197,026	.....	60,616
	1951-52	101,195	23,097	107,448	227,014	165,511	.....	45,655
	1952-53	91,717	14,669	47,049	156,739	56,030	.....	40,787
	1953-54	159,287	43,815	70,461	265,503	78,221	.....	124,949
	1954-55	171,641	71,617	75,134	277,993	63,022	27,743	127,013
	1955-56p	154,504	74,011	92,642	251,394	48,447	32,247	129,205
1955:	March	10,056	6,733	8,743	18,105	6,881	3,934	8,487
	April	5,525	4,915	6,383	13,993	3,818	2,497	7,770
	May	7,456	6,339	6,717	16,740	3,539	2,985	9,971
	June	6,705	6,725	3,721	16,720	2,830	2,668	9,732
	July	8,434	6,187	7,400	17,03	2,470	3,432	11,360
1956:	March	9,476	6,843	7,630	24,757	3,851	1,305	12,081
	April	5,746	5,014	7,946	12,822	3,648	2,950	7,301
	May	6,530	7,376	10,270	31,341	4,433	1,124	11,353
	June	5,934	7,313	8,592	19,200	2,848	2,056	11,355
	July	7,426	5,362	8,364	17,921	3,244	1,317	8,276

27. Production of Miscellaneous Products

Period	Internal Combustion Engines	Electric Motors		Motor Bodies *	Pedal Cycles
		Under 1 h.p.	Over 1 h.p.		
Number					
Year : 1950-51	23,746	369,684	34,166	8,866	29,156
1951-52	22,480	417,945	34,255	9,276	28,701
1952-53	12,126	353,820	21,251	9,431	21,766
1953-54	17,482	682,480	22,410	21,956	23,405
1954-55	17,281	851,460	30,493	26,777	28,253
1955-56p	48,626	752,959	30,327	31,792	27,693
1955: March	1,070	85,386	3,159	2,663	2,344
April	1,285	60,864	2,508	2,256	2,272
May	1,494	62,607	2,911	2,725	2,570
June	2,237	66,518	2,303	2,555	2,406
July	2,307	63,243	2,730	2,709	2,425
1956: March	n.a.	57,366	2,717	2,919	1,667
April	n.a.	49,413	2,493	2,446	1,498
May	n.a.	59,369	2,686	2,990	1,884
June	1,500	42,975	2,275	2,437	1,635
July	2,645	42,097	2,088	2,318	1,813

Period	Soap †				Cleansing and Scouring Powders (excl. Synthetic Detergents)
	Toilet (incl. Shampoos and Shaving Soap)	Household (incl. Flakes, Chips, Extracts, Powders)	Industrial (incl. Flakes, Chips, Extracts, Powders)	Other (Liquid, Soft and Sand)	
Cwt.					
Year : 1950-51	241,185	666,063	62,289	99,160	53,696‡
1951-52	265,115	710,139	56,189	106,550	55,246
1952-53	231,759	692,804	67,475	87,007	44,014
1953-54	265,438	666,303	75,213	98,401	60,073
1954-55	291,493	712,876	91,277	117,532	50,096
1955-56p	262,306	695,751	98,399	126,454	42,583
1955: March	30,216	81,244	7,496	10,565	5,536
April	22,225	47,356	4,347	9,416	3,957
May	28,367	60,108	7,927	9,792	4,453
June	28,404	73,314	8,676	8,659	5,065
July	22,486	55,382	7,063	9,768	3,301
1956: March	23,668	72,351	8,548	10,918	3,739
April	19,857	52,811	8,910	10,866	4,043
May	27,487	59,530	9,641	10,622	3,005
June	24,087	65,952	7,007	9,775	3,408
July	25,514	47,57	8,201	9,954	2,621

Period	Sulphuric Acid	Sulphate of Ammonia	Mattresses		
			Wire	Inner Spring	Other
Tons					
Year : 1950-51	112,151	37,222	78,285	157,406	166,865
1951-52	117,035	43,549	67,264	128,104	118,942
1952-53	124,359	48,078	80,961	148,554	98,352
1953-54	147,777	52,785	109,340	194,596	97,651
1954-55	184,234	57,242	121,149	215,574	100,209
1955-56p	179,744	53,915	103,925	218,926	84,699
1955: March	17,021	4,987	11,724	24,680	9,585
April	17,588	4,931	10,046	19,780	7,859
May	15,711	4,384	12,242	21,201	9,730
June	17,558	4,884	10,784	16,822	9,367
July	17,456	4,541	9,121	16,100	7,806
1956: March	14,056	4,001	10,912	19,926	6,509
April	12,215	4,133	9,448	17,357	5,633
May	11,183	5,137	8,642	19,786	6,553
June	10,782	5,248	5,808	15,488	6,160
July	10,452	4,611	6,501	15,542	6,078

\* Excludes conversions, cabins, and bodies assembled from imported panels.  
synthetic detergents, but thereafter these are excluded.

† Figures to June, 1954, include  
synthetic detergents.

‡ Includes synthetic detergents.

28. Index of Rainfall in Rural Districts, New South Wales  
(Normal rainfall for each month = 100)

Month	Sheep Districts					Wheat Districts				Coastal Dairying Districts			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1955 : March	33	48	140	134	83	13	63	155	113	154	172	96	151
April	156	79	41	221	104	120	66	41	57	159	159	48	145
May	121	138	164	185	147	110	154	143	142	144	143	224	154
June	72	68	105	55	80	79	68	105	92	60	71	58	63
July	97	72	131	338	100	93	66	119	102	53	40	33	47
August	108	115	146	177	130	124	134	157	147	7	21	31	13
September	88	98	100	114	98	93	91	110	103	92	72	50	82
October	304	307	214	445	291	315	270	221	246	124	134	96	123
November	78	133	98	104	103	100	140	87	103	25	141	101	64
December	76	62	94	35	73	78	76	76	76	310	136	142	244
1956 : January	162	197	199	145	182	135	174	206	189	128	162	91	132
February	386	388	142	265	294	370	384	131	227	402	362	452	398
March	136	396	461	659	372	113	393	503	425	120	245	291	174
April	155	164	264	146	192	170	175	266	230	64	43	57	58
May	258	197	249	252	237	299	203	260	250	127	156	245	150
June	155	163	176	129	161	149	155	156	155	126	198	244	160
July	104	192	215	344	191	115	172	235	204	17	39	102	34
August	29	78	101	22	66	41	89	100	90	45	84	74	59

N.—Northern.

C.—Central.

S.—Southern.

W.—Western.

T.—Total, all Districts.

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29. Number of Sheep, Sheep Shorn, and Production of Wool, New South Wales  
Sheep as at 31st March. Sheep Shorn and Wool Production (as in grease) in season ended June

Particulars	1938-39	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
Sheep ... ... mill.	48.9	54.1	53.7	57.5	59.6	59.2
Sheep shorn ... ... mill.	51.5	52.9	52.7	56.7	59.2	59.6
Wool produced* ... mill. lb.	437.1	492.1	437.8	556.6	544.9	541.0

\* Includes crutchings and wool from skins.

30. Wool Received into Store and Unsold in Store, New South Wales  
(Excluding Albury Centre and Joint Organisation Stocks)

Period	Received into Store during period				Unsold in Store at end of period			
	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total
Thousand bales								
Season : 1947-48	869.2	152.1	46.9	1,068.2	13.7	1.2	0.2	15.1
1948-49	998.9	181.1	54.4	1,234.4	75.7	2.8	0.5	79.0
1949-50	1,066.6	218.9	57.0	1,342.5	11.6	1.3	0.1	13.0
1950-51	1,052.4	176.0	51.2	1,279.6	24.6	1.8	0.4	26.8
1951-52	903.6	164.4	42.7	1,110.7	14.9	0.7	0.2	15.8
1952-53	1,136.2	207.2	53.2	1,396.6	17.5	0.8	...	18.3
1953-54	1,108.7	262.2	57.6	1,428.5	19.1	1.9	0.1	21.1
1954-55	1,077.9	251.8	56.9	1,386.6	22.7	3.2	0.3	26.2
1955-56	1,145.3	271.4	66.2	1,482.9	17.5	1.6	...	19.1
1955 : March	28.7	5.6	0.6	34.9	153.0	18.4	6.7	178.1
April	53.0	14.5	0.6	68.1	161.3	32.9	7.3	201.5
May	63.2	11.0	0.7	74.9	103.7	18.3	0.3	122.3
June	46.7	8.3	...	55.0	22.7	3.2	0.3	26.2
July	75.7	11.4	0.3	87.4	96.0	14.5	0.4	110.9
August	156.0	36.6	3.0	195.6	206.8	51.1	3.4	261.3
1956 : March	36.1	10.0	0.6	46.7	115.7	39.1	20.2	175.0
April	52.0	14.5	1.0	67.5	70.3	53.5	9.6	133.4
May	61.8	12.4	0.5	74.7	35.9	25.2	0.1	61.2
June	66.8	6.6	...	73.4	17.5	1.6	...	19.1
July	36.3	5.8	0.3	42.4	50.4	7.3	0.3	58.0
August	169.5	43.7	3.1	216.3	151.6	51.0	3.4	206.0

### 31. Wool: Sales at Auction, New South Wales

Excluding Albury Centre. Includes small quantities bought-in by Joint Organisation, but excludes sales from stocks held by Joint Organisation.

Period	Wool Sold					Amount Realised			
	Greasy and Scoured			Total		Sydney	New- castle	Goul- burn	Total
	Sydney	New- castle	Goul- burn	Greasy	Scoured				
Thousand bales *									
Season: 1938-39	1,144.6	32.1	...	1,118.9	57.8	n.a.	n.a.		15,521
1948-49	925.4	170.2	54.0	1,079.0	70.6	3,699	10,193	3,439	67,331
1949-50	1,118.4	202.7	57.1	1,293.8	84.4	86,510	16,217	4,987	107,714
1950-51	1,038.6	175.5	50.9	1,194.8	70.2	185,502	32,589	10,113	228,204
1951-52	912.2	165.4	43.3	1,071.9	49.0	85,188	15,943	4,130	105,261
1952-53	1,132.8	207.1	53.3	1,340.8	52.4	122,090	23,153	6,105	151,348
1953-54	1,106.5	260.8	57.6	1,380.0	44.9	12,084	26,580	6,131	144,795
1954-55	1,073.6	250.4	56.6	1,341.7	38.9	95,501	22,273	5,225	122,999
1955-56†	1,149.7	272.9	66.3	1,455.4	33.5	89,166	21,147	5,386	115,699
£ thousand									
1955: March	61.4	88.1	8.1	105.1	2.5	5,928	3,748	774	10,450
April	44.6	...	...	42.3	2.3	4,136	...	...	4,136
May	120.8	25.6	7.6	149.6	4.4	10,394	2,066	622	13,082
June	127.5	23.4	...	147.2	3.7	10,039	1,750	...	11,789
July	2.2	...	...	...	2.2	201	...	...	201
August	45.0	...	...	43.0	2.0	3,317	...	...	3,317
1956: March	133.8	39.3	9.2	180.2	2.1	10,822	3,321	778	14,921
April	97.3	0.1	11.7	105.7	3.4	7,428	7	966	8,401
May	96.2	40.7	9.8	143.5	3.2	7,274	3,190	790	11,254
June†	85.1	30.3	...	111.0	4.4	6,541	2,168	...	8,709
July	3.2	0.1	...	1.1	2.2	260	5	...	265
August	68.1	...	...	64.7	3.4	5,881	...	...	5,881

\* Scoured bales are not converted to greasy basis. † Including sales at auction in July, 1956, postponed from June.

### 32. Prices of Greasy Wool, New South Wales

Season	Average Price at Auction, New South Wales*	Month	Average Price that would be realised if whole N.S.W. clip was sold at price level of current month			
			1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
1938-39	10.3	July	85.0‡	82.5‡	67.0‡	65.0
1945-46	15.3†	August	84.0‡	75.0	60.0	69.0
1946-47	23.6	September	83.0	75.0	58.0	
1947-48	37.9	October	84.0	71.0	58.0	
1948-49	46.8	November	84.0	68.0	58.0	
1949-50	61.8	December	81.0	70.5	60.0	
1950-51	145.3	January	80.0	69.0	61.0	
1951-52	76.5	February	77.0	70.0	61.0	
1952-53	85.1	March	77.0	70.0	60.0	
1953-54	81.8	April	79.0‡	69.0	62.0	
1954-55	70.6	May	82.0	69.0	66.0	
1955-56	61.6	June	82.5	67.0	67.0‡	

\* Excluding Albury (regarded as a Victorian selling centre). † Based on United Kingdom purchase prices; does not allow for payments for profits on re-sale of contract wool. ‡ Nominal.

### 33. Wheat Growing in New South Wales

Season	Holdings with 20 acres or more Wheat for Grain	Area under Wheat		Yield of Grain	
		Total	For Grain	Total	Average per acre
1936-37 to 1945-46*	Number	Acres		Bushels	
1946-47	15,875†	4,203,047	3,824,667	49,850,000	13.0
1947-48	15,971	4,772,978	4,474,894	15,682,000	3.5
1948-49	16,803	5,355,169	5,043,017	95,227,000	18.9
1949-50	15,674	4,242,969	4,038,447	64,704,000	16.0
1950-51	15,594	4,173,857	4,011,744	81,939,000	20.4
1951-52	14,279	3,441,958	3,328,490	43,273,000	13.0
1952-53	13,147	2,930,170	2,753,317	39,689,000	14.4
1953-54	13,167	2,836,206	2,702,359	56,670,000	21.0
1954-55	14,865	3,547,624	3,356,888	63,681,000	19.0
1955-56‡	13,784	3,177,844	2,918,670	37,718,000	12.9
	n.y.a.	2,857,000	2,730,000	57,000,000	20.9

\* Annual average.

† Average of six seasons 1935-36 to 1940-41.

‡ Preliminary.

## 34. Wheat : Prices and Return to Growers, New South Wales, and Prices in Canada

Period	Export Price*	Home Price for Human Consumption§	Net Return, f.o.r. country siding, to N.S.W. Growers¶	Canadian No. 1 Northern Wheat; In store, Fort William-Port Arthur and Vancouver
				For Commercial Export
Year: 1938-39	2 5.1	2 5.9	2 2.8	62.0
1947-48	19 4.7	6 0.2	13 7.2	287.9
1948-49	15 8.2	6 8	10 7.6	226.3
		s. d. per bushel		
1949-50	15 5.2	18 5.8	6 8	218.6
1950-51	16 1	18 8.8	7 9.6	212.3
1951-52	16 4.3	20 9	10 0	235.0
1952-53	16 6	21 2	12 0.2	216.5
1953-54	16 7**	16 7**	14 2.5	186.5
1954-55	14 6**	14 6**	14 2.5	173.0
1955-56	13 3**	13 3**	13 6.5	174.0
1955: July	14 6**	14 6**	14 2.5	176.0
August	14 6**	14 6**	14 2.5	176.0
September	13 11.5**	13 11.5**	14 2.5	175.0
October	13 8**	13 8**	14 2.5	171.7
November	13 4**	13 4**	14 2.5	172.8
December	13 4**	13 4**	13 6.5	171.9
1956: January	13 4**	13 4**	13 6.5	172.1
February	13 2**	13 2**	13 6.5	173.4
March	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5	175.6
April	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5	175.1
May	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5	175.0
June	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5	173.8
July	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5	173.2
August	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5	

\* Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended July. Bases are as follows :—

1938-39—Average of shippers' limits for bulk and bagged lots, f.o.r. Sydney.

1946-47 to 1948-49—Basic export selling price of Australian Wheat Board. Average for bulk and bagged wheat, f.o.r., Sydney.

1949-50 to date—Basic selling prices of Australian Wheat Board for f.a.q. bulk wheat, f.o.b., Sydney (see † and ‡ below).

† Wheat sold under International Wheat Agreement. ‡ Wheat sold in excess of I.W.A. quota.

§ Wholesale price for f.a.q. bulk wheat, f.o.r. Sydney. Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended November.

¶ Allowing for cost of bags and including governmental assistance to wheat growers. Pool season, generally year ended October.

|| Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended July.

\*\* For some destinations, where other exporting countries have a geographical freight advantage, the selling price is below this basic price.

## 35. Whole Milk Production, New South Wales

Period	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56p
	Thousand gallons					
September Qr.	53,733	46,274	62,782	58,303	55,536	63,889
December Qr.	99,766	68,933	98,514	80,815	99,703	105,421
January	36,210	20,773	31,444	27,619	33,375	38,734
February	29,793	17,685	31,241	28,290	32,187	33,611
March	27,787	23,719	30,441	30,859	31,763	30,049
April	21,512	23,576	24,528	22,708	25,296	24,789
May	16,199	21,411	20,545	18,213	20,553	20,492
June	13,159	18,838	17,890	15,380	17,306	18,249
Year ended June	298,159	241,209	317,385	282,187	315,719	335,234

NOTE.—The annual average production for the five seasons ended 1939 was 331,963,000 gallons.

## 36. Butter : Prices, Export and Local, and Return to Farmer

Season	Export*	Sydney Wholesale	Net Return to farmer †	Month	Export*	Sydney Wholesale
		s. d. per lb.			s. d. per lb.	
1938-39	1 1.2	1 5	1 1	1955: September	3 6.0‡	4 0.5
1946-47	1 11.2	1 5.9	1 8.3	October	3 9.3	4 0.5
1947-48	2 3.3	1 7.5	1 11.9	November	4 0.9	4 0.5
1948-49	2 7.3	1 11.1	2 1.9	December	4 1.2	4 0.5
1949-50	2 9.6	1 11.1	2 4.5	1956: January	4 0.4	4 0.5
1950-51	3 0.4	1 11.1	2 8.2	February	3 7.9	4 0.5
1951-52	3 3.1	2 7.2	3 6.1	March	3 4.7	4 0.5
1952-53	3 6.0	3 8.8	3 11.4	April	3 0.6	4 0.5
1953-54	3 7.7	3 8.8	3 11.5	May	2 11.3	4 0.5
1954-55	3 6.0	3 8.8	3 10.5	June	3 4.1	4 0.5
1955-56	n. y. a.	4 0.2	3 10.0 p	July	3 0.7	4 2
				August	2 10.9	4 2

\* Weighted average price for choicest butter, f.o.b. Australia, inclusive of government subsidy in 1945-46 and later years. † Average price paid for cream supplied to New South Wales factories, inclusive of government subsidy in 1945-46 and later years. ‡ Nominal

## 37. Oversea Trade, New South Wales and Australia

Period	New South Wales			Australia		
	Merchandise					
	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports
£A million f.o.b.						
Year: 1938-39	49.9	37.7	(—) 12.2	113.2	121.5	8.3
1949-50	214.0	216.6	2.6	536.1	611.6	75.5
1950-51	301.7	325.6	23.9	741.3	979.1	237.8
1951-52	426.8	193.9	(—) 232.9	1,049.7	665.2	(—) 384.5
1952-53	206.9	249.5	42.6	510.3	848.5	338.2
1953-54	277.9	249.3	(—) 28.6	678.5	811.8	133.3
1954-55	343.5	207.6	(—) 135.9	840.9	758.0	(—) 82.9
1955-56	334.2	217.2	(—) 117.0	818.3r	771.1r	(—) 47.2r
1955: January	32.3	15.4	(—) 16.9	76.0	63.6	(—) 12.4
February	28.4	19.4	(—) 9.0	69.9	67.3	(—) 2.6
March	32.2	20.9	(—) 11.3	77.7	77.0	(—) 0.7
April	31.4	13.8	(—) 17.6	73.2	56.9	(—) 16.3
May	35.2	18.2	(—) 17.0	78.8	66.8	(—) 12.0
June	29.7	19.6	(—) 10.1	74.7	69.0	(—) 5.7
July	22.5	17.2	(—) 5.3	61.5	60.8	(—) 0.7
August	29.3	13.2	(—) 16.1	71.2	48.7	(—) 22.5
1956: January	26.9*	15.6*	(—) 11.3	63.4*	55.4*	(—) 8.0
February	24.8*	6.4*	(—) 18.4	59.1*	20.1*r	(—) 39.0r
March	30.4*	23.2*	(—) 7.2	80.5*	77.5*r	(—) 3.0r
April	29.6	24.4*	(—) 5.2	67.9	78.2*r	(—) 10.3r
May	31.1	26.6*	(—) 4.5	71.5	90.0*r	(—) 18.5r
June	25.8	15.2*	(—) 10.6	63.4	72.9*r	(—) 9.5r
July	25.6	13.0	(—) 12.6	57.3	61.0	3.7
August	31.2	15.8	(—) 15.4	78.8	58.2	(—) 20.6

\*Affected by industrial dispute.

(—) Denotes excess of Imports.

## 38. Wholesale Trade, New South Wales

\* Net sales of taxable and exempt goods by traders registered under Sales Tax Acts

Period	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
	£ million							
September Qr.	111.3	109.9	157.4	209.7	176.7	203.3	226.9	268.7
December Qr.	109.3	133.1	163.9	206.6	184.2	215.3	240.6	263.8
January	31.3	38.3	52.4	62.3	53.8	65.0	75.1	81.8
February	38.6	47.7	50.1	65.0	64.4	71.7	84.6	76.6
March	34.8	41.2	62.0	58.8	61.5	70.3	74.8	81.1
April	39.0	54.4	68.8	72.2	62.1	74.8	84.2	96.7
May	41.3	53.0	65.8	64.1	61.4	74.5	90.9	85.5
June	36.0	46.1	66.4	60.1	65.1	76.7	77.9	93.1
Year ended June	441.6	523.7	686.8	798.8	729.2	851.6	955.0	1,047.3

\* Exclusive of discounts, returns, etc.

## 39. Retail Trade : Principal City Stores, Sydney

Compiled by Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with Commonwealth Bank

Period	Business Days in Period		Value of Net Sales	Value of Stock	Wages and Salaries Paid	Number of Employees*	Three months ended in month shown					
	Previous Year	Current Year					Value of Net Sales	Wages and Salaries Paid				
Number												
Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—) compared with corresponding period of preceding year.												
Year : 1950	302	303	+ 16.8	+ 5.6	+ 11.7	+ 0.7						
1951	303	301	+ 22.7	+ 26.9	+ 32.8	+ 2.7						
1952	301	303	- 8.6	+ 9.0	+ 4.0	- 10.0						
1953	303	302	+ 4.8	- 20.1	- 0.3	- 3.9						
1954	302	301	+ 8.0	+ 9.4	+ 7.1	+ 3.9						
1955	301	303	+ 3.5	+ 9.1	+ 9.2	+ 2.6						
1955 : Feb.	22	24	+ 11.7	+ 10.0	+ 8.0	+ 3.1	+ 4.2	+ 8.0				
Mar.	27	27	+ 6.6	+ 11.5	+ 9.5	+ 3.0	+ 4.2	+ 7.7				
Apr.	22	22	+ 5.2	+ 9.9	+ 9.8	+ 4.0	+ 7.3	+ 9.1				
May	26	26	+ 4.6	+ 9.0	+ 10.9	+ 3.4	+ 5.5	+ 10.1				
June	25	25	+ 4.4	+ 8.5	+ 11.5	+ 3.7	+ 4.7	+ 10.7				
July	27	27	+ 3.7	+ 9.6	+ 8.4	+ 4.4	+ 4.3	+ 10.3				
1956 : Feb.	24	25	+ 4.5	+ 5.6	+ 11.1	- 0.6	+ 3.4	+ 11.8				
Mar.	27	26	+ 2.1	+ 1.3	+ 9.1	+ 0.2	+ 3.5	+ 11.4				
Apr.	22	23	+ 1.6	+ 4.6	+ 3.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.7	+ 7.7				
May	26	27	+ 1.4	+ 4.0	+ 8.1	- 2.3	+ 1.9	+ 6.8				
June	25	25	- 1.2	+ 1.5	+ 2.5	- 2.9	+ 0.7	+ 4.6				
July	26	26	- 2.2	- 1.9	+ 1.3	- 3.5	- 0.5	+ 4.1				

\*Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 2.

## BANKING

Since 1st October, 1951, 16 trading banks have conducted business in Australia. Of these, 12 operate in New South Wales, comprising the 7 major private trading banks, the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank of N.S.W., and 3 overseas banks.

**40. Trading Banks : Deposits and Assets in Australia**  
Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Deposits	Balances due to other Banks	Cash Items	Treasury Bills	Government and Municipal Securities	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted
£ million							
MAJOR PRIVATE TRADING BANKS							
1939 : June	318.0	n.a.	28.6	23.9	22.1	...	291.7
1945 : June	582.5	n.a.	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1947 : June	648.3	2.5	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
1949 : June	817.4	49.8	40.0	11.1	62.5	381.2	383.3
1951 : June	1,237.7	63.2	50.5	32.8	93.0	569.6	509.5
1953 : June	1,239.0	3.5	76.6	100.5	115.7	300.8	601.8
1954 : June	1,305.0	3.3	67.7	58.0	133.4	313.7	701.7
1955 : May	1,328.7	4.0	59.6	48.6	126.1	259.6	811.4
June	1,307.2	4.6	65.4	27.8	124.6	245.8	817.7
July	1,280.8	3.8	69.2	18.8	113.9	238.8	829.9
1956 : May	1,277.8	20.7	66.8	41.5	119.0	238.7	798.4
June	1,260.4	22.4	65.7	28.9	120.9	227.7	793.9
July	1,243.4	18.1	64.9	29.6	115.5	223.4	797.7
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK*							
1947 : June	58.6	0.3	5.7	1.1	33.9	...	21.6
1949 : June	68.2	2.5	4.7	...	34.4	...	35.6
1951 : June	119.7	2.3	6.9	36.5	15.1	...	68.5
1953 : June	135.7	4.1	11.9	31.3	15.2	32.3	59.7
1954 : June	165.7	0.3	14.1	12.6	35.1	38.7	76.0
1955 : May	181.4	0.3	10.4	12.0	39.6	35.0	97.8
June	181.1	0.3	11.6	8.9	39.7	33.9	98.5
July	179.4	0.3	10.2	5.0	40.0	33.3	103.1
1956 : May	180.2	0.3	9.8	8.2	35.7	32.9	101.0
June	179.1	0.3	10.2	5.0	35.7	31.9	101.9
July	175.4	0.3	8.9	2.0	35.7	31.2	105.3
ALL TRADING BANKS							
1947 : June	722.7	3.0	42.4	16.2	126.2	277.2	344.8
1949 : June	913.1	52.5	48.0	12.2	111.5	382.8	461.9
1951 : June	1,407.4	65.9	62.4	73.8	123.1	572.6	635.5
1953 : June	1,428.0	7.9	94.4	138.7	144.6	334.1	724.8
1954 : June	1,530.5	4.0	87.1	80.1	182.6	353.5	845.2
1955 : May	1,566.7	5.0	74.1	65.5	179.1	295.6	983.6
June	1,544.7	5.6	81.8	40.7	177.8	280.7	990.8
July	1,514.7	5.2	83.8	27.2	167.5	273.1	1,007.7
1956 : May	1,516.1	22.8	80.6	54.5	169.6	272.4	976.2
June	1,496.1	24.3	79.6	37.4	171.5	260.4	972.4
July	1,473.9	19.4	77.2	34.3	166.1	255.4	979.7

\*General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

**41. Trading Banks : Deposits and Advances in New South Wales**  
Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Major Private Trading Banks			C'wealth Trading Bank*		All Trading Banks	
	Deposits		Advances	Deposits	Advances	Deposits	Advances
	Not Bearing Interest	Bearing Interest					
£ million							
1947 : June	174.6	69.7	244.3	116.5	33.3	12.6	286.8
1949 : June	228.1	73.2	301.3	150.4	40.1	18.0	358.0
1951 : June	386.0	81.9	467.9	197.9	60.0	36.1	560.8
1953 : June	379.7	68.9	448.6	243.7	74.0	26.5	557.5
1954 : June	401.2	82.9	483.1	281.6	87.3	32.7	608.6
1955 : May	395.5	87.1	482.6	334.8	95.6	42.5	616.9
June	387.4	88.2	475.6	342.5	96.1	43.0	609.9
July	375.8	91.8	467.6	348.7	94.4	44.7	599.5
1956 : May	374.8	85.5	460.3	328.4	93.7	43.6	593.4
June	363.6	87.2	450.8	329.7	93.3	44.1	582.7
July	355.0	90.8	445.8	333.9	92.4	45.6	576.0

\*General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

## 42. Trading Banks: Debits to Customers' Accounts, New South Wales

"Debits" refer to all trading banks operating in N.S.W., excluding accounts of Australian Governments at city banks and central banking business of the Commonwealth Bank.

Period	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
Weekly Average—£ million								
July	91.2	121.3	159.3	149.0	163.7	181.8	201.7	214.6
August	80.9	109.2	141.9	130.1	145.6	170.6	186.9	189.0
September	88.0	126.3	153.0	143.0	167.7	179.7	193.7	
October	99.0	135.5	163.0	152.7	168.3	190.3	202.9	
November	107.9	147.9	170.5	159.8	173.0	185.8	216.1	
December	112.2	158.0	175.9	173.8	187.1	194.5	214.1	
January	96.8	131.6	146.2	124.6	151.9	173.8	183.9	
February	108.7	161.1	155.3	156.2	164.8	188.3	187.1	
March	118.6	160.0	152.1	162.4	184.7	186.0	199.8	
April	108.8	161.1	153.3	149.7	166.2	185.5	201.2	
May	122.6	167.3	155.9	157.4	183.0	203.3	218.0	
June	121.2	168.2	158.4	160.3	194.9	206.1	203.9	
Year	104.9	145.1	156.6	151.9	171.7	187.5	200.9	

## 43. Savings Bank Accounts and Depositors' Balances at end of Month.

Month.	New South Wales				Australia	
	Active Accounts	Depositors' Balances			Active Accounts	Depositors' Balances
		C'wealth Savings Bank	Other Savings Banks *	Total		
	Thousands	£ thousand			Thousands	£ thousand
1939-June	1,330	87,474	.....	87,474	3,858	245,587
1948 "	2,013	236,964	.....	236,964	5,728	681,318
1949 "	2,072	244,483	.....	244,483	5,890	714,232
1950 "	2,138	258,874	.....	258,874	6,105	762,085
1951 "	2,194	284,466	.....	284,466	6,307	837,444
1952 "	2,247	304,532	.....	304,532	6,494	891,898
1953 "	2,279	319,149	.....	319,149	6,633	947,497
1954 "	2,308	339,797	.....	339,797	6,756	1,010,129
1955: May	2,329	351,370	.....	351,370	6,833	1,051,546
June	2,336	358,645	.....	358,645	6,861	1,073,394
July	2,347	360,404	.....	360,404	6,888	1,080,732
1956: May	2,448	356,717	20,020	376,737	7,112	1,111,586
June	2,463	363,833	22,843	386,676	7,147	1,140,484
July	2,487	362,704	27,642	390,346	7,215	1,149,526

\* Bank of New South Wales Savings Bank Ltd., and the Australia and New Zealand Savings Bank Ltd. These banks commenced business in all Australian States and Territories, except South Australia and Tasmania, on 19th and 20th January, 1956, respectively.

## 44. Overseas Exchange Rates

Mean of Buying and Selling rates for telegraphic transfers quoted by Commonwealth Bank, average of daily rates.

Period	Australia on—							
	London	New Zealand	South Africa	Montreal	New York	France	Belgium	India
	£A. to £stg.100	£A. to £N.Z.100	£A. to £S.A.100	Canadian \$ to £A.1	U.S. \$ to £A.1	Francs to £A.1	Francs to £A.1	Rupees to £A.1
1938-39	125.25	100.33	124.70	3.79	3.78	141.75	111.58	10.69
1946-June	125.25	100.25	124.88	3.54	3.22	383.24	141.02	10.64
1949 "	125.25	124.27	124.88	3.22	3.22	875.85	141.02	10.64
1950— "	125.25	124.27	124.88	2.46	2.24	782.44	111.78	10.64
1951— "	125.25	124.27	124.88	2.39	2.24	782.44	111.78	10.64
1952— "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.18	2.22	776.35	111.66	10.64
1953— "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.19	2.25	784.71	111.76	10.64
1954— "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.21	2.25	784.84	112.15	10.64
1955— "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.21	2.23	780.74	111.70	10.64
1956: April	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.23	2.24	786.50	111.52	10.65
May	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.22	2.24	786.37	111.50	10.65
June	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.20	2.24	783.64	111.12	10.65
July	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.19	2.23	782.62	110.98	10.65
August	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.18	2.22	783.23	111.06	10.65

## 45. Interest Rates, New South Wales

Period	First Mortgages Registered*	Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†		Trading Banks‡				Savings Bank Deposits‡		Treasury Bills‡ (Discount)	
				Fixed Deposits			Over-draft (Max.)	To £500	£500 to £1,000		
		Short-dated : 2 years	Long-dated : 12 years	3 months	24 months	To £10,000	Over £10,000				
Per cent. per annum											
Year : 1938-39	5.4	3.67	3.85	2.00	3.00	3.00	5.75	2.00	1.75	1.75	
1945-46	4.6	2.18	3.24	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.75	2.00	1.00	1.00	
1948-49	4.4	2.07	3.15	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75	
1949-50	4.4	1.95	3.13	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75	
1950-51	4.4	1.99	3.21	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75	
1951-52	4.4	2.05	3.95	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75	
1952-53	4.7	3.03	4.54	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00	
1953-54	4.9	3.10	4.44	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00	
1954-55	5.2	3.49	4.50	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
1955-56	5.8	4.39	4.76	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
1955 : August	5.5	4.08	4.51	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
September	5.5	4.23	4.51	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
October	5.6	3.96	4.53	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
November	5.6	4.07	4.52	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
December	5.7	4.19	4.53	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
1956 : January	5.8	4.13	4.54	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
February	5.8	4.26	4.57	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
March	5.9	4.68	5.12	2.25	3.00	3.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
April	5.9	4.97	5.18	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
May	6.0	5.02	5.19	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
June	6.1	5.13	5.34	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
July	6.2	4.68	5.15	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
August	6.3	4.70	5.05	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	

\* Weighted average rate on first mortgages registered, where mortgagee is a corporation (other than a bank or a building society), or an individual. Mortgages taken by Government Agencies are excluded. Average for year or for 3 months ended month shown. † Compiled by Commonwealth Bank; average for year or as at last Wednesday in month. ‡ Rate current at end of Period.

§ £500 to £1,300 until March, 1942; £500 to £1,500 from June, 1954 to March, 1956. From 1st April, 1956 the rate on excess over £1,000 up to £1,500 is 1½ per cent.

## 46. Index of Value of Shares on Sydney Stock Exchange

The index relates to the value of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks), whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 34 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made for changes in capital structure.

Month	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies	10 Retail Companies	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies	4 Insurance Companies	Total, 75*	34 Active Shares included in foregoing
1939 : Aug.	212.6	168.2	118.2	263.9	174.4	181.9
1945 : Sept.	242.7	207.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1949 : June	326.9	274.4	171.7	462.3	242.4	246.4
1950 : June	399.3	318.7	227.4	576.7	293.6	297.5
1951 : June	529.8	397.6	301.6	757.1	366.6	357.0
1952 : June	358.2	257.1	189.0	580.5	256.7	250.7
1953 : June	363.6	265.2	192.8	544.4	254.4	253.7
1954 : June	381.3	310.1	217.7	574.7	274.5	282.2
1955 : June	426.6	403.4	247.0	578.5	314.5	314.8
1955 : Sept.	432.1	409.8	257.4	579.9	317.3	318.8
Oct.	433.9	405.9	262.8	578.5	317.4	317.6
Nov.	426.0	403.5	257.0	571.9	312.8	311.5
Dec.	424.9	411.4	258.8	575.6	313.9	312.7
1956 : Jan.	429.1	420.0	259.1	581.6	316.1	315.5
Feb.	425.6	419.0	258.8	578.9	314.2	313.5
Mar.	418.0	407.5	251.3	557.5	307.9	304.0
Apr.	415.7	404.6	244.0	560.1	305.7	302.2
May	410.9	387.2	238.2	562.6	301.1	299.2
June	399.7	377.7	234.5	566.3	295.5	293.2
July	397.8	370.8	242.4	573.7	294.4	294.0
Aug.	405.1	376.2	249.7	608.2	300.1	303.9

\* Including 34 miscellaneous companies.

**47. Real Estate Transactions and Crop, Wool, and Stock Mortgages Registered in New South Wales**

Period	Real Estate Conveyances and Transfers		Mortgages*	Crop Liens	Wool Liens†	Livestock Mortgages †
	Number		£ thousand			
Year :	1938-39	50,295	35,272	25,068	1,908	3,064
	1948-49	86,201	62,229	32,518	333	2,391
	1949-50	105,589	125,952	57,382	460	3,115
	1950-51	108,732	192,311	70,600	309	4,828
	1951-52	95,877	179,581	77,211	514	4,371
	1952-53	82,905	143,909	68,590	462	3,428
	1953-54	92,380	188,032	76,024	476	3,460
	1954-55	98,666	218,799	91,686	544	3,654
1955-56	1955 : March	91,143	230,300	117,023	896	4,123
	April	8,562	18,782	8,091	26	255
	May	6,681	15,580	6,770	22	368
	June	8,502	18,957	8,053	22	390
	July	8,744	19,047	8,109	45	605
	August	8,747	21,974	13,320	24	482
		9,764	22,956	13,581	400	329
						242
1956 :	March	8,121	19,000	9,062	68	293
	April	6,782	16,762	8,928	69	334
	May	7,687	18,352	9,251	24	412
	June	7,920	17,440	10,544	32	499
	July	8,214	20,256	10,388	491	439
	August	n.a.	19,779	11,593	44	481
						76

\* As consideration is not recorded in many mortgages, the amount is understated; it relates to mortgages in fixed amounts for fixed periods and excludes fluctuating advances secured by mortgage. † Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

**48. Life Assurance, New South Wales**

**(a) New Policies issued (exclusive of annuities)\*.**

Period	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department		Total Sum Assured
	Policies	Sum Assured	Policies	Sum Assured	
Year †:	Number	£ thousand	Number	£ thousand	£ thousand
	1939	50,520	18,179	156,787	25,719
	1948	99,282	47,956	115,336	59,032
	1949	94,665	49,357	113,568	60,689
	1950	98,015	58,666	106,754	69,802
	1951	101,683	78,187	97,361	11,526
	1952	110,992	81,270	99,573	13,342
	1953	111,437	86,501	98,547	13,590
1955‡	1954	110,302	97,247	91,554	100,091
	1955‡	116,957	109,940	85,446	110,560
	1955 : Jan.-June	47,418	45,170	39,575	6,070
	1956 : Jan.-June	53,833	50,079	40,459	6,189
	1955 : April	7,052	7,082	7,403	1,147
	May	10,429	9,226	7,069	1,067
	June	11,387	10,874	8,745	1,383
	1956 : April	8,863	8,456	7,296	1,098
1956 :	May	9,489	10,009	7,701	1,196
	June	9,584	10,275	8,294	1,290

\* Includes operations of Government Insurance Office of New South Wales. † Annual figures are aggregates of yearly returns for "various balance" dates (mainly in September or December of year specified).

‡ Total of monthly figures.

**(b) New Loans Granted by Life Assurance Companies in New South Wales\* (exclusive of advances of premiums).**

Period	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies	On Other Securities	Total Loans Granted
			£ thousand	
Year :	5,828	861	2,540	9,229
	9,264	931	2,913	13,108
	16,184	1,117	3,873	21,174
	20,433	1,228	4,935	26,596
	16,506	1,771	3,470	21,747
	14,775	1,436	2,426	18,637
	14,298	1,500	1,901	17,699
	22,039	1,873	1,972	25,884
1955 : Jan.-June	10,728	871	1,009	12,608
	9,225	1,133	680	11,038
1955 : April	1,971	141	196	2,308
	1,522	148	94	1,764
	3,258	170	138	3,566
1956 : April	1,349	189	151	1,689
	1,567	220	98	1,885
	1,486	209	93	1,788

\* The Government Insurance Office of New South Wales is not included.

## 49. Commonwealth Government: Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE				EXPENDITURE			
Item	July-August		Item	July-August		£ thousand	
	1955	1956		1955	1956	£ thousand	£ thousand
£ thousand							
Taxes—			Social Services—				
Customs ... ... ... ...	15,594	13,931	Invalid, Age Pensions ... ...			14,964	20,419
Excise ... ... ... ...	23,817	33,373	Child Endowment ... ...			10,868	11,884
Sales ... ... ... ...	16,434	18,954	Hospital Benefits ... ...			1,992	1,980
Income Tax and Social Services Contribution ... ...	57,690	49,200	Pharmaceutical Benefits ...			1,613	1,358
Payroll ... ... ... ...	7,500	7,830	Other ... ... ...			4,289	5,080
Estate ... ... ... ...	1,627	1,807	Total, Social Services To States—			33,726	40,721
Other ... ... ... ...	287	293	Tax Reimbursements ... ...			20,911	23,206
Total Taxes ... ... ... ...	122,949	125,388	Other ... ... ...			9,267	11,426
Post Office ... ... ... ...	12,430	13,459	Capital Works ... ... ...			16,332	16,404
Broadcasting ... ... ... ...	821	875	Post Office† ... ... ...			12,428	15,086
Railways ... ... ... ...	709	807	Broadcasting† ... ... ...			1,140	1,050
Territories ... ... ... ...	465	373	Railways† ... ... ...			439	634
Other ... ... ... ...	2,930	2,957	Territories† ... ... ...			2,194	2,358
Total Revenue* ... ... ... ...	140,304	143,859	Defence Services ... ... ...			21,986	29,813
			War Services, 1914-18 & 1939-45† ...			10,787	14,653
			Subsidies ... ... ...			1,449	1,446
			Debt Charges ... ... ...			5,497	6,406
			Other ... ... ...			13,502	15,017
Total Expenditure * ... ... ... ...			Total Expenditure * ... ... ... ...			149,658	178,220

\* Excludes self-balancing items amounting to £2,130,000 in the two months ended August, 1955 and £1,235,000 in 1956.

† Excluding debt charges.

Expenditure from Loan Fund for War and Repatriation (£363,000 in the two months ended August, 1955 and £224,000 in 1956) is included above. Other loan expenditure consisted of Advances to States for Housing, £4,300,000 in 1955 and £2,734,000 in 1956.

Commonwealth Treasury Bills on issue in Australia at the end of August amounted to £155,000,000 in 1955 and £190,000,000 in 1956.

## 50. New South Wales Government: Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE				EXPENDITURE			
Item	July-August		Item	July-August		£ thousand	
	1955	1956		1955	1956	£ thousand	£ thousand
£ thousand							
Governmental—			Interest, Exchange, Sinking Fund and Loan Management ...			3,070	3,380
From Commonwealth—			Less—Recoups from other Activities ... ... ...			4	2
Towards Interest ... ...	486	486	Net Debt Charges ... ...			3,066	3,378
Reimbursement of Taxes ...	8,197	8,749	Other than Debt Charges—				
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	2,808	3,366	Governmental ... ... ...			12,381	14,122
Other Taxes ... ...	1,760	1,638	Business Undertakings—				
Land ... ...	277	260	Railways ... ... ...			10,758	11,964
Services ... ...	774	882	Trams and Buses ... ...			2,030	2,257
Other ... ...	2,032	1,927	Sydney Harbour ... ...			292	310
Total Governmental ... ... ... ...	16,334	17,308	Total Expenditure ... ... ... ...			28,527	32,031
Business Undertakings—							
Railways ... ... ... ...	11,531	11,268					
Trams and Buses ... ...	1,932	2,287					
Sydney Harbour ... ...	547	520					
Total Revenue ... ... ... ...	30,344	31,383					

Loan Expenditure on works and services was gross £5,772,000 and net (i.e., gross, less repayments to loan account) £5,690,000 in the two months ended August, 1955, compared with gross £5,374,000 and net £5,253,000 in 1956.

## 51. Australian Export Price Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician from prices of twenty commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all Australian exports. The prices are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) in the years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Wool	Wheat	Butter	Metals*	Meats†	All Groups ‡	
						Excluding Gold	Including Gold
§ (a)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	...	100.00
§ (b)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	100.00	...
Year :							
1938-39	79	66	101	84	96	82	83
1945-46	117	213	147	196	123	148	146
1950-51	999	432	271	689	209	690	654
1951-52	564	436	291	811	263	495	473
1952-53	616	445	313	504	314	505	483
1953-54	615	411	325	450	338	496	474
1954-55	538	357	313	511	344	450	431
1955-56	464	324p	320	562	355p	414p	397p
1955 :							
June	505	355	313	528	343	435	417
July	505	352	313	538	359	437	419
August	453	351	313	538	365	411	395
September	437	334	313	545	398	404	388
October	437	329	337	543	408	406	390
November	437	323	364	549	383	407	391
December	453	315	368	575	364p	414p	398p
1956:							
January	460	313	361	590	348p	416p	400p
February	460	311	328	592	331p	411p	395p
March	453	312	304	592	322p	404p	388p
April	468	310p	273	579	317p	406p	390p
May	498	321p	265	556	324p	421p	404p
June	505	319p	299	548	335p	429p	411p
July	490	324p	274	549	343p	420p	403p

\* Non-ferrous—Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead.      † Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.      ‡ Includes also sugar, dried fruits, tallow, and hides.      § Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups" (a) including Gold and (b) excluding Gold.      || Nominal.

8. Percentage distribution of base aggregate for

<sup>†</sup> Includes also  
All Groups" (a)

### All Groups " (a)

## 52. Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. Commodities are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. Prices are drawn mainly from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials, and one or two minor commodities, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Metals and Coal	Textiles	Building Materials	Total Basic Materials	Foodstuffs and Tobacco	Goods Principally Imported*	Goods Principally Home-produced	Total, All Groups
Year : 1938-39	103	82	97	99	103	99	102	101
1945-46	130	152	177	149	135	178	126	141
1950-51	256	641	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52	343	577	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53	392	607	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54	388	566	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954-55	391	510	372	330	311	277	338	320
1955-56	404p	456	415	345p	332p	292p	357p	338p
1955: June	396	485	398	338	324	287	348	330
July	397	486	398	338	331	281	357	334
Aug.	397	452	398	337	329	282	354	333
Sept.	405	441	398	340	329	290	352	334
Oct.	405	441	398	340	325	289	350	332
Nov.	404	437	407	342	331	291	355	336
Dec.	404	447	407	342	326	291	352	334
1956: Jan.	405	453	407	343	327p	288p	354p	334p
Feb.	405	453	408	343	318p	288p	347p	329p
Mar.	405	446	425	350	332p	299p	357p	340p
April	403	456	442	353p	337p	303p	362p	344p
May	410p	477	444	357p	344p	304p	369p	350p
June	409p	482	444	357p	351p	299p	376p	353p
July	410p	461	444	358p	358p	301p	382p	358p

\* Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index. This Index does not measure changes in import prices generally.

### 53. Wholesale Price Indexes: Various Countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France, the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.

Base : Average for 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Australia	New Zealand	South Africa	Canada	U.S.A. *	Sweden	United Kingdom † ‡   \$	France	India
Year : 1936-37	98	96	97	101	104	98	Base: 30th June, 1949=100	Base: Year ended 1949=100	Base: Year ended August, 1939=100
1937-38	101	102	103	104	101	103			
1938-39	101	102	100	95	95	99			
1951-52	300	243	252	229	213	285	175   128	145	414
1952-53	320	252	269	216	209	278	152   126	141	386
1953-54	321	248	270	214	209	268	143   125	137	397
1954-55	320	249	274	211	208	272	147   127	135	365
1955-56	338p	253	283	217	212	290	155   133	139	373
1955 : Nov.	336	251	284	215	210	287	153   132	137	365
Dec.	334	251	283	216	210	291	155   133	138	368
1956 : Jan.	334p	252	284	217	212	292	155   133	139	376
Feb.	329p	252	284	217	213	293	155   134	143	378
Mar.	340p	254	283	218	213	295	156   135	140	387
Apr.	344p	256	283	219	215	296	155   135	141	391
May	350p	257	282	220	216	295	156   135	142	390
June	353p	258	n.y.a.	221	216	n.y.a.	155   136	n.y.a.	398

\* Current series linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date. † Compilation of the general wholesale price index previously published ceased after December, 1955. ‡ Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry. § All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco.

### 54. Retail Price Index Numbers ("C" Series)

Base : Weighted Average for six Capital Cities in 1923-27=1000

(a) Sydney (Group Indexes and Total "C" Series Index)

Quarter	Food and Groceries	Rent, 4 and 5 Rooms	Clothing	Miscellaneous Items	Total "C" Series Index†	
					Index Number	Increase from Sept. Qr., 1939 Per cent.
1939 : September	930	1039	841	939	933	..
1945 : June	1040	1043	1410	1163	1141	22
1947 : June	1096	1044	1540	1187	1194	28
1949 : June	1384	1048	1980	1347	1425	53
1951 : June	1943	1051	2819	1689	1875	101
1952 : June	2727	1089	3098	1997	2284	145
1953 : June	2669	1274	3305	2044	2360	153
1954 : June	2703	1320	3257	2045	2373	154
1955 : June	2835	1332	3267	2031	2423	160
September	2907	1342	3276	2040	2455	163
December	2936	1348	3279	2064	2471	165
1956 : March	2986	1355	3267	2074	2490	167
June	3128	1359	3279	2135	2556	174

(b) Districts of New South Wales (Total "C" Series Index)

Quarter	Sydney	Newcastle	Broken Hill	Goulburn	Bathurst	Five Towns*
1939 : September	933	897	943	914	881	930
1945 : June	1141	1099	1193	1111	1089	1138
1947 : June	1194	1150	1237	1160	1147	1191
1949 : June	1425	1393	1504	1421	1393	1424
1951 : June	1875	1853	1939	1858	1825	1874
1952 : June	2284	2231	2360	2277	2228	2281
1953 : June	2360	2283	2397	2292	2354	2354
1954 : June	2373	2319	2425	2329	2383	2369
1955 : June	2423	2388	2439	2398	2424	2420
September	2455	2409	2464	2445	2455	2451
December	2471	2425	2487	2472	2474	2468
1956 : March	2490	2444	2489	2504	2482	2487
June	2556	2499	2531	2548	2520	2551

\*Weighted average for foregoing five towns.

† Comprising foregoing groups.

## 55. Basic Wages: Sydney, Adult Males and Females

State and Commonwealth Awards					Month of Change	State Awards		Commonwealth Awards		
Month of Change	Amount per week—Males	Month of Change	Amount per week			Amount per week	Amount per week		Amount per week	
			Males	Females *			Males	Females *		
1947: Feb.	s. 108	1950: Dec.	s. 165†	s. 123 6	1955: Nov.	s. 253	s. 189 6	s.	s. d.	
May	110	1951: Feb.	173	129 6	1956: Feb.	255	191 0			
Nov.	112	May	180	135 0	May	256	192 0	253†	189 6†	
1948: Feb.	114	Aug.	193	144 6	June					
May	116	Nov.	207	155 0	Aug.	263	197 0			
Aug.	120									
Nov.	122	1952: Feb.	216	162 0						
1949: Feb.	124	May	223	167 0						
May	127	Aug.	235	176 0						
Aug.	130	Nov.	237	177 6						
Nov.	132	1953: Feb.	238	178 6						
1950: Feb.	135	May	241	180 6						
May	138	Aug.	243‡	182 0‡						
Aug.	142									
Nov.	146									

\* None declared by Commonwealth Arbitration Court until December, 1950. Under State Awards, the amount shown represents the minimum wage per week payable to adult females.

† Increase resulting from judgment of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court.

‡ Quarterly adjustments for movements in retail prices were suspended in September, 1953, in both Commonwealth and State Awards. They were restored in State Awards in N.S.W. in November, 1955.

### 56. Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rates and Average Weekly Hours of Labour, New South Wales

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. The nominal wage and hour figures are in course of revision. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms.

End of Month	Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rate				Average Weekly Standard Working Hours	
	Amount—shillings		Index Number		Adult Males	Adult Females
	Adult Males	Adult Females	Adult Males*	Adult Females†		
1939: Sept.	95.8	52.7	1870	1939	44.0	43.9
1945: Sept.	121.1	72.3	2362	2660	43.5	43.9
1947: June‡	132.7	82.3	2589	3029	43.5	43.9
1948: June§	149.1	92.4	2909	3402	40.0	40.0
Dec.	159.8	100.0	3117	3681	40.0	40.0
1949: June	165.4	103.5	3227	3811	40.0	40.0
Dec.	171.9	108.1	3355	3979	40.0	40.0
1950: June	179.3	114.3	3499	4206	40.0	40.0
Dec.	209.5	139.9	4088	5150	40.0	40.0
1951: June	228.6	151.0	4461	5558	40.0	40.0
Dec.	255.0	171.1	4975	6296	40.0	40.0
1952: June	270.4	183.1	5277	6738	40.0	40.0
Dec.	284.7	193.9	5555	7138	40.0	40.0
1953: June	289.8	196.7	5655	7240	40.0	40.0
Dec.	296.6	198.4	5788	7302	40.0	40.0
1954: June	296.7	198.5	5790	7305	40.0	40.0
Dec.	298.3	198.6	5820	7311	40.0	40.0
1955: Mar.	302.2	201.0	5896	7398	40.0	40.0
June	302.6	201.0	5904	7398	40.0	40.0
Sept.	303.1	201.7	5914	7424	40.0	40.0
Dec.	310.1	205.2	6051	7553	40.0	40.0
1956: Mar.	312.9	205.9	6106	7579	40.0	40.0
June p	317.3	211.4	6190	7779	40.0	40.0

\* Base: Weighted average for Australia in April, 1911 (51s. 3d.) = 1000. Australia in April, 1914 (27s. 2d.) = 1000.

† Base: Weighted average for Forty-hour week under State Awards from 1st July, 1947.

‡ Forty-hour week under Commonwealth Awards from 1st January, 1948.

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